Record

17 to

stand in

poll

From Anthony Bevins Chesterfield

the running for the Chesterfield by-election on March 1. At the

close of nominations yesterday the returning officer disclosed that the contest would exceed last year's Southwark, Ber-

mondsey record by one candi-

Miss Helen Anscomb, of Newbury, Death Off Roads: Freight On Rail;

Mr Jitendra Nim Bardwaj

of Boyford, near Hertford Yoga and Meditation:

Mr Anthony Neil Wedgwood Bean, of London, Labour;

Mr David Edward Bentley, of Grindleford, Derbyshire, Four-Wheel Drive Hatchback

Road Safety:
Mr Nicholas Henry Bourne,
of London, Conservative;
Mr Donald Butler, of

Thame: Oxfordshire, Buy Your chesterfield in Thame

Party; Mr David Michael Cahill, of

London, Reclassify Sun News-

paper as a Comic;
Mr John Connell, of Wiachburgh, West Lothian, Peace;
Mr John Victor Davey, of
Chesterfield, no Increase in

Dental Charges; Mr Christopher Stuart Hill,

West Drayton, Prisoner: I Am

Not a Number; Mr Thomas Arthur Layton

of Hove, Spare the Earth

(Ecology); Mr Bill Maynard, of Sap-cote, Leicestershire, Indepen-

The full list

A record 17 candidates are in



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Weekend breaks From Budapest (below) to Bangor: how to get the best from a weekend



Old and new L'alues looks at modern day Victorian wallpapers

Rugby views David Hands previews England against Ireland and Gerald Davies on Wales against France

BBC backs Panorama allegations

The BBC stood by the Panorania programme on alleged links between Conservative MPs and right-wing extremists. A statement issued after a meeting between the BBC and Conservative Party leaders said that the corporation remained convinced that the programme was well-founded and the party remained convinced it was not

Shore attack

Mr Peter Shore accused the Prime Minister of evasion after further exchanges over her son's role in the Oman university

Secret trial

Almost the entire trial of Michael Bettaney, the MIS officer on spying charges, will be held in camera.
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Page 3 he held in camera. The case is

Levy review

The TUC is asking unions to review the system where members pay a levy to the Labour Party, as part of a code agreed with the Government Page 2

Solvent ban

France is to ban sales of Trichlorethylene solvent to people under 18 in a campaign against drug abuse. About 20 young people died from glue and solvent sniffing last year

Gulf offensive

fran claims to have beaten off l'our separate Iraqi counterattacks in the escalating Gulf war, but Iraq says the Iranians are in

Rebate plea

Britain is seeking an extra session of the European Parliament to try to free its delayed £457m budget rebate before Page 7

Press warning

Journalists who encourage others to break the law for journalists purposes will be liable for prosecution in future, the Attorney General told the

Honda hint

Honda is once again looking at the possibility of setting up a motocycle manufacturing plant in Britain, perhaps in five or six Page 15

Mortgage hope The Halitax Building Society says it may break ranks with other building societies and cut its mortgage rate in April, if it considers conditions right

Campbell out

illness has ruled Ollie Campbell out of Ireland's rugby team to play England at Twickenham tomorrow. His place will be taken by Tony Ward Page 2

Leader page, 13 Letters: On union rights, from Lord Wedderburn of Charlton: GCHQ, from Mr Greville Janner, QC, MP: Andropov and GCHQ. from Mr Greville took four of the five best actor lanner. QC, MP: Andropov and press, from Miss Olga Franklin. and Mr Douglas-Home Leading articles: Public spend-Richard Burton in Becket and Leading articles: Public spend-ing: Namibia and Angola; Mr

Julie Walters faces the firm favourite, Shirley Maclaine, for Terms of Endearment and her hore and Mrs Thatcher Features, pages 10, 11, 12 Bernard Levin on organ transplants: the secret build-up to the co-star. Debra Winger, as well Grenada invasion; spectrum on as Meryl Streep for Silkwood fifth generation computers; and Jane Alexander for Testa-Friday page meets a nostalgic

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Tight rein on public spending paves way for lower taxes

• The public spending White Paper, with its plans for tight spending curbs, paves the

way for a series of tax-cutting budgets way for a series of tax-cutting budgers

■ In real terms, the level of public expenditure is expected to remain broadly unchanged until 1986-87, allowing tax cuts as the economy grows

• Cuts in lending to state industries and in council spending will offset big rises in the defence, health, and social security

budgets

● Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow

Chancellor of the Exchequer, criticized the White Paper severely

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

The Government paved the way yesterday for a series of tax- Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary cutting budgets with the publicauon of its public spending plans showing tight curbs on spending over the next three

Between now and 1986-87 the level of public expenditure is expected to remain broadly unchanged after allowing for inflation, which ministers be-lieve will leave room for tax cuts as the economy grows.

The prospects for next month's budget also look more Details promising. Less overspending than expected this year and a big reserve for unforeseen contingencies next year are likely to increase the scope for Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancel-lor of the Exchequer, to cut taxes or further reduce borrow-

The public spending White Paper discloses that total spending in the 1983-84 financial year is expected to be £120.3bn. £700m more than planned last year but a good deal less than many in the City had feared. Spending in 1984-85 is planned to rise by 5 per cent to £126.4bn, in line with expected inflation.

In the two following years the White Paper indicates that spending is expected to increase by 4.5 per cent in 1985-86 to of £2bn a year over the next £132.1bn and by 3.5 per cent in three years, a practice sharply 1986-87 to £136.76n.

The price assumptions for these years are not published until the Budget, but the figures imply an ambitious inflation target of about 4 per cent in 1985-86, declining in 1986-87, If prices rise more quickly than that, an unchanged level of spending in cash terms will mean a squeeze in the amount of goods and services provided.

British four

on Oscar

short list

From Ivor Davis

Hollywood

Caine. Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay and Tom Conti, will

battle it out with the American

Robert Duvall for this year's

Oscar for best actor in the

Academy Awards to be pre-sented on April 9.

Not for 20 years have British

screen stars so dominated the

field. Michael Cains, aged 50, was nominated for his role as

the boozy professor of English teaching fellow Briton Julie

Walters, who was nominated

for best actress, the finer points of literature in Educating Rita.

Albert Finney's nomination

was for his role in The Dresser.

as was Tom Courtenay's, Tom

Conti's was for playing Cowan

They all face suff opposition.

however from Robert Duvall in

From top left: Finney,

Courtenay, Julie Walters,

Caine.

The last time British actors

Peter Sellers in Dr Strangelove.

The British picture The

Dresser picked up five nominations including best film, and best director for Peter Yates.

Yates is up against lugmar

Bergman for Fanny and Ale-

xander, Mike Nichols for

Silkwood, the Australian Bruce

Beresford for Tender Mercies,

and James Brooks for Terms of

McGland, in Reuben Reuden.

Tender Mercies.

Four British Actors, Michael

Introducing the White Paper, to the Treasury, said that the Government intended to hold the level of public spending "broadly constant" in inflation-

adjusted real terms.

He added: "As the economy continues to grow, public expenditure will represent a decreasing share of the national product, thus providing the scope to reduce the burden of taxation which it now imposes

Leading article Kenneth Fleet

on individuals and industry alike".

Spending is expected to fall to 42 per cent of national product in 1984-85 from 43 per cent this year. If the Government can stick to its plans, unlike in past years, and growth continues at 2.5 to 3 per cent a year the proportion would drop to about 40 per cent by 1986-87, just below the level it was at when the Government took office in

The overall picture of stable real spending disguises big changes in individual programmes, and has been helped by the inclusion of assets sales of £2bn a year over the next criticized on Wednesday by the all-party Treasury select committee of MPs.

Big increases in the budgets for defence, health, and social security (which now accounts for more than a quarter of all public spending) will be offset by cuts in lending to state industries, and in local authority spending, including hous-ing and education.

From Robert Fisk

The Lebanese Army with-

drew the broken remnants of its

Fourth Brigade by sea to East Beirut yesterday, as Druze and Shia Muslim militias threa-

tened to break through the

Government Army's last pos-

ition in the mountains above the capital and advance

towards the suburb of Baabda,

where the President has his

President Gemayel is be-

lieved to have been told

through intermediaries yester-

day that, if he immediately

abrogated the unofficial peace

treaty with Israel and instituted

reforms, both the druze and

palace.

The Government confirmed yesterday that the commitment of Nato to increase defence spending by 3 per cent a year in real terms would lapse after 1985-86. No real increase in defence spending is planned in

The Treasury has also built in much bigger margins for contin-gencies than in the past, rising from £2,750m next year to £4,750m in 1986-87, in an effort to stop an overrun of the totals through unexpected events or straightforward errors in predic-

Projected investment in the energy industries includes £800m for new coal mines. which the Government will pay for, changes in the electricity distributions system, which the electricity supply industry will finance, an £2,400m worth of capital projects planned by the British Gas Corporation, and which it will pay for out of its

own revenue.

The plans were criticized severely Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow Chancellor.

He described the White Paper as "complacent and callous". It was a continuation of the policy that had done so much damage to the country over the past four years, producing more than three million unemployed and a "very substantial" deterioration in the social services.

Mr Len Murray, the TUC general secretary, called for a big programme of public investment. But the plans were broadly welcomed by the employers' organizations, the CBI and the Institute of Directors.

ture Plans 1984-85 to 1986-87 Stationery Office, (mrd 9143; Vol 1, £565, Vol 17, £11,50).

Muslim militias advance on

Gemayel's last stronghold

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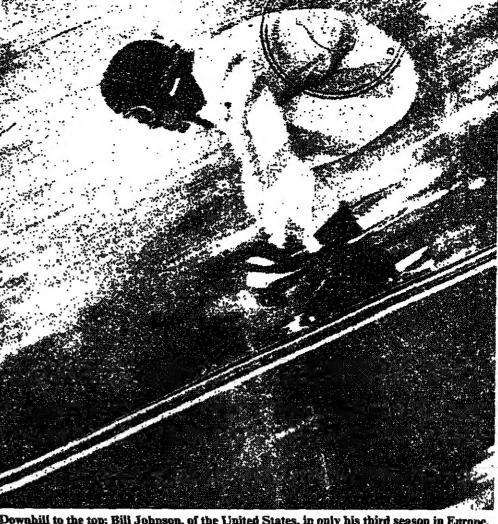
The fate of the Lebanese

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Downhill to the top: Bill Johnson, of the United States, in only his third season in Europe, races to a downhill gold medal in the Winter Olympic Games at Sarajevo, Yugolslavia. Peter Mueller, of Switzerland, took the silver medal

Ceasefire move in Angola war Angolan and South African

negotiators, meeting in Lusaka with the United States as mediator, announced joint steps to establish an effective ceasefire in their border war, which could lead to a wider peace settlement and independence for Namibia.

United States officials said American observers could be sent, if requested, to monitor the disengagement of forces. Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, said on Wednesday that this disengagement was under Way. Commission set up, page of Leading article, page 13

An Israeli battalion crossed

the Awali River yesterday

morning in an armoured re-

connaissance patrol to observe the extent of the Lebanese

Army's defeat south of Beirnt.

The next Druze assault is

anxiously awaited at the mountain village of Souk el-

strength.

Kremlin struggle for power goes on

From Richard Owen, Moscow There were reports circu- Pravda on Tuesday," an ob-

lation in Moscow last night of a server said. "But the old guard continuing power struggle is apparently afraid of Gorba-within the 12-man Politburo, chovs influence and afraid the which met yesterday afternoon younger generation will stage for the first time under the new Soviet leader Mr Konstantin Chemenko.

The Young Generation fac- Mr Chernenko's meetings with tion on the Politburo led by Mr. Dr. Castro, Señor Ortega of Michael Gorbachoy, aged 52 Nicaragua, Mr. Babrak Karmal was said to be angry over the of Alghanistan and Mr. Pierre suppression of a speech made
by Mr Gorbachov at last
Monday's Central Committee
meeting.

Trudeau of Canada on its front
page, but did not carry the
stamp of a new personality.

There is not yet any sense of a

At the meeting, an extraordi- Chemenko era opening up one nary session held in private. Mr diplomat remarked, Chernenko-was finally elected. Air Gorbachov has been General Secretary of the party, prominent on television since five days after the death of Mr. Mr. Chemenko took over, and Yuri Andropov. The delay was was shown standing close to the said to be due to an intense factional struggle as the younger Politburo members and Central Committee secretaries groomed for power by Mr Andropov resisted the rise of Mr Chernen-ko, aged 72, whom they regarded as a throwback to the Brezhnev era and unlikely to inmplement Mr Andropov's forward looking reforms.

Until yesterday it had not been revealed that Mr Gorbachov had made a speech at Monday's session. An official account of the meeting pubished in booklet form showed that Mr Gorbachov had loyally "There would have been no harm in mentioning this in

Garb by what remains of the Lebanese Army's front-line Britons wounded: Two ITN journalists, Brent Sadler (reporter) and Ted Henley (cameraman), were wounded when they came under fire yesterday while visiting Druze positions in Damour (Reuter

· NEW YORK: Britain last night sought international support for its diplomatic initiative to enhance the role of the United Nations in Beirut, as the Security Council con-tinued to debate ways of extricating the Multinational Force from Lebanon and providing a viable alternative (Zoriana Pysariwsky writes).

Mr John Margetson, the British representative, repeated the two principal suggestions made by the Government, for the expanded use of the 50 foreign observers already stationed in Beirut, and of the good offices of the United Nations Secretary-General. 15,000 flee, page6

Reagan backing, page 6

Thatcher still firm on GCHQ By David Felton

Labour Correspondent

angrily last night to the Prime Minister's apparent rejection in the Commons of the compromise proposals to avoid a union ban at GCHQ which they had put forward in secret talks with Cabinet officials. Leaders of the nine unions

we can. Mrs Margaret Thatcher told

the Commons that the ban on

reached by any other method than that which the Govern-Mrs Thatcher did say, how-

The unions received strong

work of the Cheltenham communications base. "I must add that during my period of office Cheltenham gave me no reason to be concerned that trade union membership would provoke a

It appeared last night that the Government's view that union membership at Cheltenham

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I think 122 PERM one from 17 ... some kind of coup, forcing Chemenko out of office". Yesterday's Praida reported

Mr Paul Nicholls-Jones, of Rhondda, Independent (The Weishman):

Mr Max Gascoyne Payne, of

Sheffield, Alliance: Mr Giancarlo Renato Piccaapparent, representing the younger generation of Politburo members which also includes ro. of Worcester, Official Acne Party; Mr Sid David Shaw, of

Mr Grigority Romanov, aged 61, Mr Vitaly Vorotnikov, aged 57, and Mr Geidar Aliyev, aged 60. Some members of the old London, Elvisly Yours, Elvis Presley Party:
Lord David Edward Sutch,
of London, Monster Raving
Loony Party Last Stand. guard resent the implication

Lord Sutch remarked that the Prisoner candidate and the Elvis Presley candidate were going to get together and use the song "Jailhonse Rock" as

suggestion that he is waiting in the wines

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the song January
their campaign theme.

new party leader both

President Andropov's lying

state and at the funeral on Red

Square. This would appear to

make him an effective heir

that Mr Gorbachov will shortly

take over from the aging and ailing Mr Chernenko, however,

and are anxious to suppress the

Civil Service unions reacted

yesterday approved a paper later sent to Sir Robert Armstrong, Secretary to the Cabinet, in which they set out in detail their proposals. One official said: "We have gone as far as

union membership was the only effective guarantee of national "I have yet to see anything that satisfies me that the Government's objectives can be

ment has laid out." ever, that her offer to meet the unions again stood.

support at a TUC rally last night from Mr James Callaghan, the former Prime Minister, who said that during his five.years as Foreign Secretary and then Prime Minister, the United States had more than once expressed its admiration for the

conflict of loyalties," Mr Callag-



Army's Fourth Brigade, however, hangs heavily over both the Army command and the Americans. Half the brigade Shia militias would be prepared to restart negotiatons. Last night, bowever. Christian units of the Lebanese Army were planning new defence lines on the edge of East Beirut itself in prepdeserted to the militias, but Lebanese Army officers and Western sources insisted yesaration for another attack. terday that reinforcements and extra artillery sent south of Beirut by sea had been forbidden to land by Israeli Lebanese officials privately dismissed reports from Washington that a new peace plan had been agreed by Mr Gemayel that would immedi-ately replace departing Multitroops. A Western source also said that 'the brigade had been national Force troops with UN demoralized counterattack by false radio The American government instructions sent to them over the military radio net. The apparently accepted Mr Gemayers word that such a source refused to speculate about who might have sent plan, supprted by the Saudis and the Syrians, was feasible, these sophisticated messages. Film too dreadful to screen

Evidence of village massacre

In their advance southwards from Beirus yesterday, Druze militiamen discovered horrifying evidence of the massacre of Druze villagers - apparently by the Christian Palange - that took place five months ago when the Israelis hurriedly withdrew their army from the

Chouf mountains.
The Druze have found dozens of bodies of men. women and children - most of them in an advanced state of decomposition - in and around the village of Kfar Matta, 15 miles south east of the capital.

Blaming both the Phalange and the Lebanese Army for the slaughter, the Druze allowed an American television crew into the village vesterday afternoon. Much of the film they took is 100 dreadful to show on

television. They found the corpses of women and children in fields around Kfar Matta, skeletons

lying in the streets of the village

and a whole roomful of corpses

lupon which lay the badly

decayed body of a woman in a scarf, her hands spread back-wards. All the dead had apparently been shot.

The Druze also displayed a crumpled pillowcase partly covered in bloodstains on which a note had been written by Clarke Todd, the Canadian television reporter who was fatally wounded by shrapnel in the village last September. The message was addressed to his family in Hatfield, Hertford-shire, and said, in very shaky handwriting. "Please tell my family I love them. Clarke." Mr Todd's body was recovered by the International Red Cross last

Mr Todd, who was accompanied by an American television crew, had gone to the village on the morning of the Israeli withdrawal last September, but was hit in the chest by shrapnel when the crew came under artillery fire. They took him to a barn end before walking back to Beirut under

September a week after he died.

Mr Todd had ordered them to leave him and they at first thought he had survived. A week later, however, the Red Cross brought his body to Sidon where it was identified by officials of Canadian Tele-

vision. Several Druze militiamen said they could identify relatives among the dead. The film brought back to Beirut last night shows one young man with a rifle over his shoulder pointing to what he said was the body of his aunt. In a field beside him lay a skeleton in the remains of a woman's dress, clutching a much smaller skeleton, apparently that of a child. Human bones lay in some streets, at one point next to a torm woman's handbag, at another beside a gutted car. One forearm still had a wrist-watch attached to it. In many villages in the Chouf

last September, the Israelis left their Phalangist allies behind when they withdrew. Rumours began to circulate in Beirut within a few days of massacres Continued on back page, col 8

conduct an immediate review of the system whereby members pay a spolitical levy to the Labara Party as part of a code

Under a statement of guidance published yesterday the TUC would "strongly racommend" to its member unions which are affiliated to the Labour Party that they undertake a reappraisal of the

ment and TUC leaders.

Mr Tom King. Secretary of State for Employment, made it clear that if the code is not endorsed by the General unions, he would resort to

The Government had announced its intention to introduce a law changing the present

made by the Government last examples

night in the Police and Criminal

Evidence Bill over powers to

hold people without charge. Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister

of State for Home Affairs, said

the Bill that the Government

accepted the need in principle to provide for an extra hearing

by magistrates before detention

for serious arrestable offences

could be extended to a maxi-

Already extension of deten-

tion beyond 24 hours has to be

authorized by a police superin-

tendent or more senior officer

and beyond 36 hours by

magistrates, before whom the

present and icgally represented.

and the maximum of 96 hours.

Mr Hurd now agrees in priciple that there should be a second

magistrates' hearing. Before an amendment is drafted to the

Bill he intends to consult the

maximum of 96 hours which,

he said, was necessary to allow

some investigations, of which he cited examples, to be

The Opposition had attacked the 96-hour proposal as a threat

related to the principle that they

Gerald Bermingham,

But Mr Hurd opposed Oppo-

Magistrates' Association.

Between that 36-hour stage

mum of 96 hours.

to make the effort to "contract

In meetings between Mr King and Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, a new voluntary code was agreed instead. It was one of the first signs that the Government was prepared to compromise with the labour movement.

Under the statement issued yesterday, which is likely to be adorsed by the General Council, the TUC has promised that union members will be made aware of existing rights and that all the information required to Council of the TUC next contract out is made easily Wednesday, or if it does not available. The TUC will act as receive the full cooperation of adviser to unions which encounter problems in adhering to

Under the code cach union is called on to draw up an information sheet on its politisystem whereby union members cal fund, say why it exists and have to "contract out" of the point out that anyone has a

Unions are being asked to political levy, to one where legal right to opt out without onduct an immediate review of Labour supporters would have losing any union benefits.

The document will be re quired to state the total amount of the political levy and what proportion it is of normal subscription fees Information on how to contract out should also be made available.

The information sheet would have to be provided to new recruits, to existing members on request and to all members as soon as practicable after a ballot on the establishment of, and on the continuation of, the fund. The Government is still determined to include in its Bill clause making regular ballots compulsory.

that no obstacles are put in the way of those seeking to opt out and that "prompt and effective" procedures for exemption operate in accordance with the Trade Union Act. 1913. There should also be a right of access

Amendment agreed to Police Bill By Peter Townsend, Home Affairs Correspondent

sizable concession was of which there were already

Mr Hurd said that the Bill did not take away the right to silence. Although there was a right not to answer questions. there was right to ask them, and He denied that it was police practice to wear down people by putting questions repeatedly. At present detention without

charge is open-ended in serious But he said that a list of cases. People arrested can be detained for long periods on police authority alone, without any form of judicial sanction. There are no criteria for the lawfulness of detention, even within the elastic time limits. In effect arrested people can be suspect would have a right to be detained at the sole discretion

of the police. Habeus corpus is The list of 33 councils an ineffective remedy for alleged abuse of police authority, as it provides an indepen-Among safeguards sought by Labour MPs in the present Bill

Mr William Waldegrave, a parliamentary under-secretary n Mr Jenkin's Department, told the committee that the list should be treated with caution. First, it applied to spending this year, even though rate "capping" was not means to suntil next year when spending patterns might have changed.

offence for which he was under Councils overspending under Bomb attempt

Detectives last night were investigating a firebomb attempt attempt. shire and the Inner London and a solicitor, and Ms Clare empt on a new housing estate at Short, Labour MP for Birming-ham, Ladywood, both spoke of claimed responsibility for the Education Authority. Those caught by all but two were Sheffield, Lambeth, Lewisham, the danger of people confessing device, which was dealt with by to crimes they did not commit. and Brent

GLC 'prime candidate for capping'

By Hugh Clayton

Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Secretary of State for the Environment, made it clear resterday that the Greater London Council was a prime candidate for rate capping next year. He said: "At the moment looks almost inevitable. The GLC's 7.5 per cent rate cut was a fraction of what it should have

councils on which the GLC figured prominently was not a hit-list" of the first councils to be rate capped. He was commenting outside a meeting of the Commons standing committee on the rates Bill on a list to all committee members.

howed the overspenders in the Government's view according to 11 criteria. Five. including the GLC, overspent under all of

1.400 idle at Cowley as

LM 11 model this spring.

until at least Monday



Harmony restored: Mr Michael Evans (left), leader of Bath's Pump Room trio with

colleagues after his reinstatement.

Crescendo saves musician

From David Cross, Bath

would be dismissed for playing

too many wrong notes.

Mr Denis Easterby, director

Leisure and Tourist Services

of Bath who made the city a was played.
"My main concern was one fashionable centre for the rich in the early eighteenth century, several hundred patrons of the of quality", Mr Easterby said.
"We are a major tourist city and elegant cafe signed a petition seeking Mr Evans's reinstatewe must try to make all our

Mr Michael Evans, leader of

the world's oldest surviving classical trio, was back with his

violin yesterday amid the Georgian splendour of Bath's

entertainment the best avail-After three years as leader of the trio which was featured many times on BBC radio, he

was told last Friday that he the Pump Room rallied to his

support.

Miss Katie Giles, aged 19, a waitress said: "We think he is great and we were determined to save him.' Other customers wrote letters of support for Mr Evans to the

Department of Leisure and Tourism. Of the 18 received, only one opposed him. Confronted with this cres-

cendo of anger, the city's spa committee met this week and voted overwhelmingly in favour of retaining Mr Evans's services But as a concession to Mr

Easterby, they agreed to con-Nevertheless, when news of Mr Evans's impending departure leaked, patrons and staff at sider engaging a professional musician to listen to prospective musicians in the future.

Thatcher is accused of evasion by Shore

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Three further messages were exchanged yesterday between the Prime Minister and Mr Peter Shore on the Oman university contract and Mr Mark Thatcher's role in helping a British company, Cemen-tation International, to secure

Mrs Thatcher, in a second letter to Mr Shore, Labour spokesman on trade and industry, said that she had disposed on Wednesday of his allegation that she had pursued, while on an official visit to the Gulf in 1981, the interests of a company with which her son had a financial connexion

Mr Shore accused her of evasion. Interviewed on Radio 4's The World at One he said he did not know if the Prime Minister was tired and overrought or was being brazen. Mr Shore said that she had

shown "such bad judgment as I have not found in a postwar Prime Minister." It implied that the rules of conduct for ministers needed to be either redefined or more rigorously On Thursday Mr Shore put

to Mrs Thatcher a number of questions, as reported in The Times yesterday, relating to her son's role on behalf of Cementation and the circumstances which took him to the Gulf while the Prime Minister was

In reply, she took up what she described as his central point. "You accused me of batting for a single firm in which a mamber of my own family had a direct financial interest in the outcome." Mrs Thatcher wrote.

You did not produce a shred of evidence... It is quite untrue." She added that the rest of his letter was irrelevant.
Yesterday, Mr Shore wrote
again and observed that none of
his specific questions, which he

repeated, had been answered. ● The Leader of the Commons, Mr John Biffen, yester day rejected Labour MP's claims that Mrs Thatcher had advanced the cause of her son over the award of the Oman university building contract to Cementation International. (the Press Association reports). He also rejected appeals for a

statement from the Prime Minister after the publication of her exchange of letters with the shadow Commons leader, Mr Peter Share. In those she strenuously

denied helping her son Mark win a £300m contract for the

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Lupins are being evaluated

in Essex by Hurst, Gunson,

Journalists who incite crimes risk prosecution

By Frances Gibb Journalists who incite or encourage others to commit criminal offences for journalistic purposes will be liable for prosecution themselves in fu-

ture, Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General said yesterday. in a parliamentary answer which outlines a tougher stance which outlines a magner stance on such journalistic activity, Sir Michael said: "I am bound to say that in future I cannot

done such contraventions of His statement, in answer to a question from Mr Jonathan Aithen, Conservative MP for South Thanet, comes after conviction last September of Miss Nikki Freud, daughter of

The offences were initiated or encouraged by a journalist from the News of the World which, the Attorney General said, subsequently carried a full report on its front page of the journalists role in exposing the accesed's activities.

newspaper made its dossier-available to the police and the journalist provided a witness prosecution of Miss Frend. Sir Michael said: "The Director of Public Prosecutions

and I have given anxious consideration to the impli-cations of this form of investigative journalism.

to a court to find that a journalist acting in this way had committed criminal offences himself in relation to his ncitement of the accused to supply him with controlled drugs and in relation to his quent possession

Sir Michael's statement, held back until after several prosecutions resulting from the same activities by News of the World journalis is made "for the benefit of other mewspapers considering a similar course of action".

Evidence as to their actions would be assessed with a view to possible prosecution on the same principles as the evidence against others who are not journalists, the Attorney General said.

said: "Until now I have not been aware of journalists being prosecuted. The point of this statement is to make clear that they have no special immunity and that there are limits to which investigative journalism

animals

A leading naval surgeon who served in the Falklands conflict yesterday defended the need for animals to be shot for research into treating wounds.

ran the field hospital at Ajax Bay, said: "We don't like seeing animals suffer any more than anybody else, but the research carried out at Porton Down definitely had a beneficial effect of surgeons at the front line, which was reflected in the high survival rate.

I know something about the licensing system for those who do experiments and I an satisfied from what I have seen the control is rigorously and humanely exercised.

always want to know things work properly before you use them, especially with drugs."

In particular, he pointed to the dramatic impact that a drug tested on shot animals had had during the Falklands conflict. Metronidazole was given with great success to soldiers who had been shot in the stomach or suffered shrapnel wounds.

About 10,000 animals were used last year in Ministry of Defence experiments, but only about 50 involved the deliberare wounding of animals.

Correction

The funeral service at Badminton for the Duke of Beaufort, reported on February 9, was conducted by the Rev Tom Gibson, Vicar of Badminton, the duke's chaplain, no

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Doctor says police offered him deal Dr Robert Jones claimed last

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tives offered him a deal if he confessed to the killing of his wife, Diane, who vanished near their home at Lees Farm, Coggleshall, Essex, on July 23 Dr Jones, aged 40, said the offer was made during a

question and answer session at police station, in Suffolk, last November. Dr Jones, who was arrested and held for 55 hours four weeks after bis wife's battered body was discovered in October last year, said that at one stage he was tempted to admit the killing.

He made his claim in a

recorded interview for the BBC television programme, Out of Court, which was due to be interview recorded earlier yes-terday. Dr Hones told the reporter David Jessell, the olice had offered him a deal that if he confessed and "made it easy on himself" he would not have to spend too long in

He said the suggestion was made during a long and

exhausting session of questioning and there was a time when he was tempted to perjure himself and admit the killing.

dent review too late.

was an amendment denying the

right of the police to authorize

continuing detention if a person

their questions under detention.

detention without charge should

not include the need to obtain

evidence, by questioning the person held, in relation to an

arrest, the Opposition said.

Justification for extending

Dr Jones said later: "The police presented a version of events which they suggested could have been how it happened. I suppose the suggestion was that it could

have been manslaughter." Dr Jones's wife, who was 35, disappeared after a row with her husband in the bar of a village public house near their Essex home. He reported her missing nine days later.

Her badly decomposed body was found in woods at Brightwell. Suffolk, three months after she had disappeared. The police believed she had been eaten to death

During the search for her killer. Dr Jones was questioned on five separate occasions and his garden was searched seven

Last night, Detective Chief Supt Eric Shields, head of Suffolk CID, who is leading the murder hunt, refused to comment on the doctor's claims. A report is with the Director of

strike continues

estimated £10m

have been made at Cowley since 220 workers in a trim shop. walked out more than a week ago in protest at management plans to switch jobs for production to start on the new

Cowley plant near Oxford because of the strike which has so far cost the company an

Three hundred more workers have been laid off at BL's

The number of workers idle is now 1.400 and 100 employees of a Coventry components company have also been sent No Acclaim or Rover cars

At a meeting on Wednesday the strikers decided to stay out

criticism mounted over the £93,967 paid in salaries and expenses to the 25 members who have boycotted the North-The party was unable to

produce figures to support its allegation that details of cash given to members were wrong. As the party came under further criticism from the Democratic Unionist and Alliance parties, there was no comment from the party leader. Mr James Molyneaux, or staff at its Belfast

headquarters. Since the beginning of the boycott, in protest at the murder of three church elders in co. Armagh, £93,967 has been paid in salary, secretarial allowances and travelling expanses to the party's Assembly members and the disclosure seriously damaging to the party, particularly as it faces European elections within four months.

The Official Unionists were being compared unfavourably yesterday with the Social Democratic and Labour Party and even Provisional Sinn Fein,

Unionists silent on assembly pay row

The leadership of the official which are also boycotting the Unionist Party kept an embar- Assembly but have refused Union and could inspire a producer.

rassed silence yesterday as salaries and allowances. Mr Jim Allister, chief whip of the Democratic Unionists, said that it was preposterous for the Official Unionists to challenge ern Ireland Assembly since figures prepared by the As-November. figures prepared by the As-sembly's accounts department. When I consider the thousands of my constituents who are struggling to make ends meet

> over this scandal." His party colleague, Mr George Seawright, urged Official Unionists to return the money or resign. The dispute came hours after

then I, with them, feel angry

Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, made it clear that if the Assembly folded then Northern ireland would be governed totally by direct rule · Mr Prior has been asked to explain why prisoners in the Maze jail have been given copies of the official report into last September's escape by 36

mishandling which has done so much to destroy the morale of

Soviet lupin may be grown for fodder

By Kenneth Gosling

revolution in Britain as far as the countryside is concerned. Vladimir is a particular strain of lupin that is well suited to producing a new protein crop that could in time, become as familiar a sight in British fields as the yellow carpets of oil-seed

of the European Parliament's agricultural committee, on solving the present farm budget problems. Then, he says, our plant breeders are likely to receive EEC support

its decorative nature, has a protein content of between 35 and 40 per cent, compared with the 24 per cent of peas and Mr Curry believes that if

Europe wants to produce more of its own protein (and it now only manages a quarter of its needs for animal feeds), then it development.

should be looking hard at lupin Australia and Poland are

boosting their production; Italy, cereals and potatoes, the need South Africa and Germany for fertilizer has been cut by up grow limited amounts and the to 20 per cent.

Sale room

High bids for Victorians

The strength of the sale of farniture and oak. A set of six English watercolours at Chris-

tie's yesterday was in the Victorian section where a amber of the more expensive lots were bought by the London specialist Christopher Wood. Among them was a fine and large view of Bellagio on Lake Como by Myles Birket Poster, which sold for £12,960 against (estimate £4,000 to £6,000). In 1899, the year of the artist's

death, this had sold for 285 guineas a respectable price for the time. From the same era came a sugary but beautifully painted study of a girl and garden flowers by George Goodwin Kilburne, which reached £6,264 (estimate £6,000 to £8,000), "O holy Night", a large mother and child subject by the less well known Henry Raymond Thompson, made £5,940 (estimate £1,000 to £1,500). A study of a sparrow and builfinches dated 1924 by Archibald Thorburn, took a bid of £5,400

bought in. At Crewkern in Somerset a sale of funiture held by Lawrence Illustrated the strong demand for standard "brown

(estimate £2,000 to £3,000).

The sale made a total fo

£112,423 with 7 per cent

sturdy George II walnut side chairs with wooden seats sold for £5,280, and an elegant George III mahogany retaire bookcase reache £4,800. The sale produced a total of £117,500 with less than 2 per cent bought in. Sotbeby's were offering Decorative Arts, a category of

sale that includes arts and crafts, art nonveau and art deco pieces. This made a total of £75,058 with just over 2 per cent bought in. There were several successful private bidders, including the buyer of a Liberty's "Cymric" silver and enamel frame dated 1903 at £3,740 (estimated £400 to An oak dining table with eight chairs ade to the designs

of Betty Joel in a Portsmouth factory in 1928 was bought by the Portsmouth Museums at £1,760 (estimate £600 to £900). A sale of books and manu-

scripts at Phillips made £98,042 with 16 per cent bought in. A letter from Edward IV to his "carpenters, masons and other artificers" dated 1463 reached £8,000 (estimate £6,000 to £8,000).

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Church, Covent Garden, London, known as the actors' church his widow. Joan. said: "It was a celebration of John's

"There was plenty of laugh-

ter. John would have enjoyed

been suffering from cirrhosis of the liver. He wrote his own obituary

his family and friends." films including School for Scoundrels. The Wrong Arm of the Law, and The Pink Panther.

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After the service at St Paul's

hospital in his own town of Ramsgate at the age of 71, had

Cooper, Taber, a company of seedsmen who said that it was the strain lupinus albus, of which Vladimir is one, that they considered best suited to Bri-Mr George Beaven, of the

It depends, according to Mr David Curry, MEP, chairman company, said: "We are being asked by various other seedsmen and by farmers to supply seed for them to do work on This is still very much a babe in arms as an agronomic crop with a certain amount of interest, concern and knowledge

The lupin, much favoured for

IRA terrorists
Mr Molyneaux said: "This is

all part of the bungling and



Bill Pertwee and Frank Williams (Photograph: John Voos).

Last laugh for actor who 'conked out

household names in the television series Dad's Army. Others paying their respects included Derek Nimmo, Joan Sims and Wendy Richards, the

jazz musician. George Melly, the comedian, Max Wall, and

Memorial service, page 14

we should be able to look at it after two to three years.

Mr Curry thinks that the lupin could be the new big crop invasion of Europe, which has to import some £2,600m of soya meal, mainly from the United States and Brazil. In Hungary, he says, lupins have been introduced in the diet of pigs, poultry and cattle; a mixture of lupins and oats for

dairy cattle. And where the

lupin has been grown with

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John Le Mesurier gave that I can imagine him sitting hundreds of his friends and up there smilling." fellow actors a final laugh yesterday at his memorial The addresses were given by two of Mr Le Mesurier's closest actor friends, Bill Pertwee and service; tales about the man Mark Eden. Mr Le Mesurier as who in his own words "conked Sgt Wilson and Mr Pertwee, as out" last November kept them the air raid warden, became in stitches.

Mr Le Mesurier, who died in

for The Times: "John Le Mesurier wishes it to be known that the conked out on

November 15. He sadly misses He appeared in more than 90

Mr Clement Frend, the Liberal MP for Ely, for supplying and possessing controlled drags.

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Cable giant ready

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secrecy and intrigue, which an

executive compared to the launching of a car, But the first

ment Network is expected to

said that the information about

and we are trying to keep things pretty much under wraps". All three groups plan to

establish the leading film service on existing and new cable networks, Cable operators

believe that the film channel

will attract most subscribers

Mr Watts revealed that Premiere will be the only one of

the three to make its own

material, although he refused to

All three groups are acutely

lisclose their subjects or casts.

and be most profitable.

commercially sensitive.

MI5 officer's lawyers lose challenge to secret hearing

. By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The public and the press are to be excluded from almost the entire trial of Michael Bettaney. the MI5 officer facing espionage charges, the Central Criminal Court decided in camera yester-

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When Mr Bettaney, aged 33, of Coulsdon, Surrey, starts his trial on April 10 with not guilty pleas, the jury will be sworn in the charges put and Sir Michael Havers QC, the Attorney General, will open the Crown's case but then the rest of the case

will be in camera.

Mr Bettaney's solicitor, Mr Lawrence Grant, said after the hearing before the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, that the court would not be opened again until the jury returned its verdicts.

The trial is expected to last eight working days and all the evidence, witnesses, the judge's summing up, and much of counsels speeches will be behind closed doors.

Mr Grant said the use of the in-camera process to such an extent was unprecedented and had been agreed by the judge after an application by Sir Thomas Hetherington, the Director of Public Prosecutions. Other decisions had also been

Mr Grant said that defence

which lasted nearly four bours court number one. The hearing, listed to take practice trial directions, began in chambers and was then moved

into camera. Mr Bettaney was brought from Brixton prison for the hearing. He was represented in court by Mr Michael Mansfield and Mr Kenneth Richardson appeared for the Crown. Sup John Westcott, from the Special

Branch, was also in court. The application of in camera proceedings so widely is likely to cause concern in legal circles.



wouldn't show any identifi-cation. He kept trying to hang up his coat and leave his

briefcase. He hadn't got an invitation card and I said that I

was sorry but he had to leave."

The Prince, who arrived

taken to Bow Street police

the incident.

Man rescued by | Libel damages

and the police were called.

counsel had argued against the There is no means of appeal for DDP's application in a hearing the defence until the case has been completed.

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Mr Bottancy faces a total of six charges under the Official Secrets Acts of 1911 and 1920. It is alleged that he passed on details of British assessments of the Soviet Union's intelligence networks in Britain, details of the expulsion of three Russians. and prepared other material to hand over to the Russians in

It is unusual for a defendant in such a case to plead not guilty but where it has happene in recent years, such as in the trial of Professor Hugh Hambleton in 1982, the court went into camera for only part of the case.

In cases where the accused have pleaded guilty, such as Geoffrey Prime, part of the hearings were heard in camera. The periods have covered areas such as an assessment of the damage done to national security. In Security Service. Special Intelligence Service, and M16 witnesses.

After the hearing yesterday a spokesman for the DPP said he was unale to comment on what had happened at the hearing or the potential use of the in camera practice.



Benjie Leggate, aged six, with his pony Doughnut, and Jason, a Great Dane. (Photograph: Tom Kidd)

Gatecrasher in tussle at royal event

By Richard Evans

A man in his early thirties tried to force his way into the Royal Society of Arts head-quarters in London yesterday minutes before the Prince of Wales arrived for the launching of a £500,000 appeal for the Farming and Wildlife Advisory

The man approached the reception desk, where Miss Lesley Sands asked for his

invitation. The man, who was wearing an extraordinary green wool tea cosy hat and had a chain tucked into his trousers, refused to produce and invitaion ans said he represented a lot of organizations".

Mr Wilf Dawson, the trust's director, tried to find out who he was, "He wouldn't speak; he

helicopter after

forest cleared

A young lorestry worker who

was seriously injured when a

tractor he was driving toppled

over on a steep hill and rolled

twice before he was thrown

clear, was rescued by helicopter

when his workmates cleared a

paich of dense woodland to

Help was summoned from a

farmhouse, but the forest at

Haiden Beivedert, near Dun-

chideock. Devon, was so thick

that ambulancemen could not

A police helicopter found the

men but could not land. However, the helicopter landed

a mile away and a doctor reached Mr Philip England,

create a landing space.

BBC wins news awards

The BBC won the Royal Television Society's domestic news award last night for its coverage of the resignation of Cecil Parkinson. Mr John Tuss. of the BBC Newsnight, won the award for television journalist

The man, wearing a smart grey suit, soon became violent Other winners were: Coast to oast (TVS), daily news maga-One policeman was punched in the face and three officers lost their belmets as the man was dragged struggling and protesting from the front foyer for Here Come Cruise, Panorama (BBC), international curand down the street to a police van. When he reaced the van five policemen were restraining went to Peter Hill, producer, and Martin Young, reporter, for moments after the man was

Judge settles £163,000 claim



The column's editor, Richard

Compton Miller, had said the club was patronized by models that never model, actresses that never act and "tarty little pieces". He also made an offensive reference to the manager, Mr John Gold.

Mr Richard Rampton for Mr

cleared and the helicopter landed to collect Mr England. Council drive on rogue

On Tuesday AMK (Property Management) became the first being sold for between £200,000

Act. 1977, when it was found guilty of unlawful harassment. Southwark Crown Court was told that eldrly residents at an apartment block in Mayfair were forced to put up with constant drilling, walls being

knocked down, windows smashed, and the "accidental" flooding of their homes. AMK was fined £10,000 and ordered to pay £21,500 prosecution costs. Defence costs are expected to exceed £100.000.

Mr Simon Mabey a councillor, said the authority was delighted with the result of the trial and gave a warning to rogue landlords". He added: We are even more determined to bring to task those who think they can bully and harass tenants just to make quick

profits."
Conditions were made unbearable at Fountain House, Park Lane, by the property company in an attempt to persuade tenants to leave during a campaign of harass-ment between 1980 and March,

The court was sold that the the ground day after day.

awarded to nightclubowners

Allegations that the Tramp nightclub in the West End of London was a disreputable establishment pratronized by vulgar and low-grade people won its owners and manager "substantial" libel damages in the High Court vesterday

The allegations appeared in the In Town colum of The Standard newspaper in January and February, 1981.

Gold and the owners, Coney aged 20. The site was then Comyn they had been proud of Tramp's reputation

Island Ltd, told Mr Justice

landlords 'succeeding'

Westminster City Council's company, financed by Shaikh campaign against bad landlords Abdul Khoja, who is said to has met with considerable own 60 companies in Britain, success, it was disclosed yester-could make up to £7m profit success, it was disclosed yesterfrom the sale of all the apartments. Empty flats are

company to be convicted under the Protection From Eviction The two me The two men who previously ran the company on behalf of the Shaikh, Mr Andrew Lawson and Mr Bruce Harlow, have since resigned. They both denied in court that AMK had deliberately set out to evict tenants by making their lives a

> One tenant, Mrs Natalie Spiegel, a dressmaker in her sixties, kept a diary of the years of misery she went through after AMK bought the property in 1979. She told the court how the lights were constantly going out, the water supply was cut off for more than a month, her hallway was piled high with rubble and her workroom was destroyed by the builders.

> Mrs Spiegel, who has lived in her flat for 26 years, described how she could not hold a conversation or use the telephone because of the constant

She said: "From early morning and long after I returned from work they were drilling. The vibrations caused ornaments and perfumes to crash to

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zine: ITN, international news for its Beirut coverage; TV Eye (Thames), home current affairs rent affairs, for Called To Account - How Roberto Calvi Died. A special commendation, the BBC series Rough Justice.

Mr Justice Leggatt, a High Court judge, who claimed he had lost at least £163,000 in earnings because of injuries suffered in a road crash, won an undisclosed award in the High Court yesterday.

Sir Andrew Leggatt, aged 53, of The Old Vicarage, Old Woking. Surrey, was one of three highest-earning commercia: law QCs

Sir Andrew sued H R Goodale, of Little New Street, London EC4, owners of a lorry which collided with a taxi in which he was a passenger; and the forry driver, Mr Paul Owen

for charity

Once a year the Leggate family of Gordon in Berwick raises funds for such local charities as the Edinburgh Eye Pavillion.

The last effort, a 20 mile sponsored horseback ride by people who had not ridden for 10 years, raised £4,000. Benjie Leggate, aged six, raised £200 with his sister Kate, aged nine, his pony Doughout and a friend's Great Dane called

Benjie's father Mr Peter Leggate, said yesterday: "We were very happy with the proceeds but if anyone wants to send as any more donations we would be happy to have them".

Royal tour

Princess Anne left Rabat for stage of her tour of three African countries as president of the Save the Children fund

veloping the use of lasers to

disease. They are experimenting

with fibre optic laser thread that

guides the laser beam along a

congested artery and destroys any cholesterol deposits on its

The group is led by Dr Henry

Dargie, a cardiologist and Dr Alexander Elliott, a nuclear

physicist. They are assessing the

side-effects that may arise from

passing laser beams along a living artery. If the experimen-

tal programme succeeds, the

technique may be used on a

Dr Elliott claimed yesterday

that Glasgow was leading the field in Britain in the develop-

ment of the technique. He

thought it could become routine

surgery in two or three years. The team believes it was used

patient later this year.

Brave postmaster: Mr Dildar Sandhu with replica sword

Raiders flee sword duel

A sub-postmaster, Mr Dildar Sandhu, described yes-terday how he fought off two

masked raiders armed with a

Mr Sandhu, aged 53 a Sikh,

who trained in swordmanship

as a child, snapped off a piece

of sword blade to fence with one

intruder. After a desperate duel

they fled. Mr Sandhu, of Chelsea

Road. Bristol, said that the

raiders burst in at 3.30 one

morning last last May.

sword and dagger.

"One put a sword against my throat. I said: "What do you want?" They said "We want money." These words were

encouraging because I thought:

They are after money, not my

it was peanuts for me to work

on him". Mr Sandhu was presented

with a £500 bravery award by

the chairman of the Post

Office, Mr Ron Dearing, in

London yesterday.

"He was a tense person and

of school reports in juvenile court proceedings, according to a report published today by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders.

Court use of school

reports criticized

It says that the school reports sometimes contain damaging and unsubstantiated allegations of criminal behaviour and pejorative remarks that would never be allowed in an adult

Young offenders may be

they deserve because of the use

The examples it cites include: "Jimmy is a cancer to the student body. If he didn't commit this offence, then someone else in his family did"; "this boy is a born liar"; and "this boy is big, black and

A working party of the issociation tound tha school reports were often kept secret from parents, children,

ago. It is hoped that people

Dr Elliott added: "I would

emphasize, it is no alternative

keeping weight down, exercising

and not smoking. They are still the best ways of combating

The England women's cricket team are staging a sponsored run from Lord's to the Oval on March

25 to raise money for the visit of their players to New Zealand this

summer. The run will cover a four mile route from the Grace Gates at Lord's to the Hobbs Gates at the Oval. The former England captain.

Rachael Flint, who is now manage

of the team, has been sponsored by the Trimoco Group for £1.000 to

Youth opens

fire

on police

By John Witherow

on police in Bristol yesterday and then shot himself in the

head in front of dozens of

bystanders near the city centre.

The shooting happened minutes after the owner of a

gunshop in Perry Road was shot

twice in the stomach with a

The youth underwent emerg-

ency surgery to remove a bullet from hisbrain and both he and

9mm pistol.

A youth aged 18 opened fire

Optic laser technique

aids heart-risk cases

From Ronald Faux, Glasgow

Doctors at the Western for the time during a heart

nfirmary. Glasgow, are de- operation in France 18 weeks

reduce the risk of serious beart suffering the early stages of disease. They are experimenting angina could benefit from the

treatment.

heart disease."

Sponsored run

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent There were also wide varireceiving heavier sentences than ations in practice across the country as to what should be disclosed and to whom.

Miss Vivien Stern, director of the association, said: "Many young people suffer serious injustice as a result of remarks in these reports.

The working party calls for a change in the Magistrates' Courts Rules, 1970, to require full disclosure of the contents of school reports to pupils and

Schools, it says, should not recommend sentences. They should use a standardized form for school reports so that only relevant information is included and the report, signed by the author and school head should be discussed with the child and parents before the

School Reports in the Juvenile Court (Nacro, 169 Clapham Road, London SW9 0PU; £3).

court hearing.

Protest on tree felling

A protest is being planned to save Violet Wood, inspiration for Edith Holden's The Country Diary of An Edwardian Lady, part of which is being felled by

alongside the Grand Union Canal at Olton, Solihuli. Mr Roderick Beaumont, the protest organizer said yesterday that British Waterways had told Solihull District Council that it

"Instead, they are cutting down a deep swathe along the canal side and will take about 800 of the 1,200 trees which

almost to the day, February 12, 1906, when Edith Holden wrote: "I visited Violet Wood

Edwardian Lady begins on independent television on Wednesday.

the shopowner, Mr Brian Winterton, aged 49, were said to be in serious conditions last Two policeman, who had been alerted to the first shooting and saw a youth running towards them in the city centre,

chased him after he fired at them. Mr Russell Drewitt, a building worker, said he saw the youth fire at the police and then run into a side street.

"He came running up the hill obviously in a panic. He fiddled with his gun, then put it to his face and there was a shot and he slumped to the ground."

Another builder, Mr Adrian
Snook, said "It looked as if the

bullet went through his mouth and came out behind his ear." The police have ruled out robbery as the motive for shooting the shopowner and believe it may have started with a dispute over a gun deal.

planned

From our Correspondent Birmingham

British Waterways.

The four-acre wood lies intended to prune the trees.

must be on the site.

"They claim they are not cutting down mature trees, but are cutting everything before them - presumably to save money. Trees in good standing are going, along with lovely willows which overbung the canal and which needed only lopping. It is desecration".
British Waterways said that

the wood was in a canal cutting. Trees had grown tall and thin and could fall onto canal and footpath users. The felling started last week

again today, the elm trees are just breaking into blossom and the willows are showing their downy, white catkins." A fictionalized presentation of The Country Diary of An

broadcast on March, 1980, of the Radio 4 consedy series Week Ending, which described him as "an East End boy made bad" and claimed that his policy was "all the nudes fit to

Mr Jameson was asked by Mr John Wilmers, QC, for the BBC, about reports in the Daily Star on the life of Mrs Khashaggi, the former wife of the international arms dealer, Mr Adnan Khashoggi.

programme details The three potential pro-gramme giants of cable tele-by two factors: quality of films gramme giants of cable tele-by two factors: quality of films vision are on the verge of and the way they use the gaps between them.

revealing the schedules they hope will attract an audice on a par with BBC or independent television. Premiere had shot several short bridging programmes to link films. Mr Watts said.

There will be some conven-The plans have been com-

> is different to what you see at the moment. It is going to be a high-quality movie channel with no old films at all. "The main criticism of cable is that all it is going to carry is American crap, and that won't be the case with us."

tional scheduling and some that

announce a big-name feature film channel through existing Rediffusion and Visionhire Thorn-EMI and The Enternetworks from March 1. tainment Network, a consor-The decision by Entertaintium of Rank, Plessey, Rediffusion and UIP, a joint venture of ment Network to jump the gun will be closely watched by its two rivals which were reluctant several Hollywood film companies, have one significant advantage over Television Entertainment Grove. Both outlits have member companies to give away anything yester-Mr Tony Watts, head of Thorn-EMI's film channel, which will be called Premiere,

running cable networks. They can expect to move straight on to cable as soon as programme schedules was programmes are ready, unlike TEG which must negotiate its

Mr Dennis Garcher, vice-president of the US cable group way. Mr Garcher said yesterday Home Box Office, which is that the company was negotiat-ing with several of the 11 new involved in its British partnership with Goldcrest Television. 20th Century Fox and Columbia, Television Entertainment cable companies which were given licences to start new networks throughout the coun-Group, said: "This is rather like try last year. introducing a new model of car

"Our service will be film-based, coupled with entertainment specials, but we are going to wait as long as possible before we announce firm details."

Independent companies believe that the networks will offer films until around 2am, where there is a proven audience which they cannot serve because overtime payments to technical staff would be too high.

Trawlermen fined £34,000

Two Danish trawler skippers who fished illegally for mackerel inside prohibited waters around south-west England, were each fined £17,000 by Plymouth magistrates yeaterday. They were the first prosecutions under new fishery protection

Per Kristiansen and Ib Poul Bodskov both admitted trawling for mackerel inside the "mackerel box" off the Devon and Cornish coastline.

The area was established last November to help to preserve fish resources. Under EEC rules trawlers are allowed no more than 15 per cent mackerel among catches made inside the box. Mr Anthony Collin, for the prosecution, said that Bodskov's boat, the Anni Elisabeth, had 54 per cent mackerel and Kristiansen's vessel, the Alice Engholm, had 24 per cent on

board. When the defendants asked the magistrates to accept £20,000 towards the fine and allow them to pay the balance later, the magistrates decided that was not acceptable. The matter was adjourned until today to allow the Danes to

Tricksters dupe unemployed

Police are bunting tricksters who swindled hundreds of unemployed men out of cash by promising them well-paid work

The fraud was aimed at the anemployed in the North and in Scotland. Tempting adver-tisements offering good jobs in Abr Dhabi for building workers, were placed in provincial

newspapers. Applicants were invited to send £250 as a "flight indemnity", which, they were told, would be returned along with

£40 expensed on arrival in the United Arab Emirates. But the flight did not materialize and the jobs did not exist. As many as 1,000 people replied to the advertisements and Scotland Yard believes many could have sent cash and

It is believed that two Welshmen in their early forties set up a company called CP Limited based in the Broadway, Fulham, west London.

Job applicants were asked to send a cheque for £250 or cash in a registered letter to A1 Charter, Priory House, Kingsgate Place, Hampstead, north-west London.

Wife tells jury of murder plot by Hell's Angels

cheques.

Hell's Angels told a murder trial jury yesterday of a plot to kill ampton by midnight each her husband that misfired. Mrs Susan Turner said that

booby-trapped to explode when the lights were switched on, but the device failed. She told Northampton Crown Court that those responsible were Mr Michael Bardell,

as "sergeant at arms". Mr Stephen Parkinson. Mrs Turner, a mother of two. said that after the alleged murder attempt her husband had a telephome call from Mr Parkinson and the two men agreed to meet. Later that evening her husband telephned

After the stabbing it was agreed that she should live with Mr Bardell during the week and

The former mistress of the her husband at weekends, she self-styled leader of a band of said part of the deal was that her husband would leave North

Sunday. Mr Bardell, of Overstone her husband's car had been Lodge, Northampton and Mr Parkinson, of Great Holme Court, Northampton, deny conspiracy to murder Mr Turner. They have also pleaded not guilty to murdering Miss Deborah Allen, aged 19, and her boy friend, Mr David Cox, aged President Chapter' known as Lucifer's outlaws, and his second-in-command referred to

killings were to enhance the standing of the chapter within the Hell's Angels movement

and had been ordered by the London-based "Road Rats". Mrs Turner said yesterday that Mr Bardell had shown her a Polariod photograph of what he said were the bodies of Mr her and she found him leaning Cox and Miss Fallon. The against a phone box. He had been stabed, she said.

Cox and Miss Fallon. The against a phone box He had been stabed, she said. instructions had been carried out. she said.
The trial continues.

Ex-editor denies stories 'reeked of sex'

He said that parts of the

Mr Derek Jameson, the former Fleet Street editor, denied yesterday that stories in the Daily Star about Mrs Soraya Khashoggi had "reeked

of sex.".
Mr Jameson, aged 54, who is suing the BBC and an executive for libel, was being cross-examined in the High Court in

He seeks damages over the

story in which Mrs Khashoggi was quoted describing how she undressed in a speeding car were "not sexually titilating but rabelaisian. He did not think they reeked of sex.

He said be carried the Soraya Khashoggi revelations because they represented "one of the major stories of the

"There is very little explicit sex in these articles," he added. The Daily Star had paid Mrs Khashoggi £75,000 for her story, but she tore the cheque up because at the time she was making a multi-million pound maintenance claim against her former husband, Mr Jameson

Mr Jameson was questioned about an election day front-page article in the Daily Express which he had written when he was editor. The article advocated voting Conservative, Mr Wilmers: asked: "Did that represent your own per-

Mr Jameson: "No, sir." Mr Wilmers: "it would not written from your heart?

Mr Jameson: "Indeed."
The BBC and Mr Aubrey inger, managing director of BBC Radio at the time of the broadcast, deny libel and say the words complained of by Mr Jameson were fair comment on a matter of public interest.

Week Ending sketch about the battle between the Daily Mirror and the Daily Star over the Khashoggi story which had been played to the court totally utterly offensive and insulting and not at all funny"."

Mr Jameson said he found a

The hearing continues today.

GCHQ DISPUTE

The Government remained con-

vinced that banning trade union membership at the Cheltenham

communications headquarters was

the only effective guarantee to meet

the Government's objectives, Mrs

Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister said during her first question time in the Commons

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the

Opposition, joined in the laughter

when, as he sat down after questioning Mrs Thatcher about her

artitude to GCHQ, several Con-servative backbench MPs held up

large sheets of paper bearing the figures 0.1. This was a rejoinder to

Mr Kinnock's comment when he

returned to Britain yesterday that he

had given himself 5.9 out of 6 for his

performance during his visit to the

Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speak-

er, called for order, commenting amid laughter: We are not yet being

Figure Was also laught when Mr Kinnock said he would give the Prime Minister, who had been speaking with a hoarse voice, the name of a good lozenge. Mr Joha Biffen, leader of the House, announced that MPs will debate GCHQ issue on Monday, February

Nir Geoffrey Robinson (Coventry

North West, Labi began by asking Mrs Thatcher if she had read the

unanimous all-party select com-nittee report on the trade union

situation at GCHQ.

The reckless bungling by Sir
Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary (he said) has caused

enermous and unnecessary damage to the international standing of our

The six point programme in the recommendations of the report represents a reasoned and construc-

represents a reasoned and construc-tive basis for an agreement to be

The objectives of the Matrimonial

and Family Proceedings Bill were to enable the hollow shell of a mariage which had broken down to be dissolved with the minimum of

distress, bitterness and humiliation, balanced against a respect for the institution of marriage, Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, said

in the Commons.

The Bill proposes that a court faced with a financial application after a divorce should consider in

every case whether it would be

appropriate to make an order finally

terminating the parties' obligations to one another, either at once or

after a period of adjustment. This is

period before a divorce is permiss-

ible to one year and provides for financial relief or related powers in matrimonial and other family

proceedings.

He said the reduction from three

vears to one was designed to avoid the harm caused by the longer period which encouraged adultary and the birth of illigitimate children

when a marriage broke down within

time the discretionary exceptions to the three year rule of exceptional epravity and hardship. That had ther resulted in an amicable

-solution of proceedings not being

chieved and allegations that could be harmful to young children. Because the outcome of an applicant

on such grounds was unpredictable, ouples were advised against it even

in extreme cases.

The effect of the present rule tended to defer rather than deter

divorce.
It was an illusion, or rather a

delusion, to believe it possible to make a marriage endure when it had

Some commentators favoured the complete abolition of a restrictive

period, as is the law in Scotland, This would make it possible to

marry today and present a petition

If we were starting with a clean slate (he said) then this might be the

position to follow. But we are following the Law Commission's

recommendation that some form of restriction is needed to debar irresponsible or child marriages and

act as a buttress to help a marriage

through difficult early days.

There would continue to be only one round for divorce - irretriev-

able breakdown by establishing adultery or unreasonable behaviour.

temporary bar.

for divorce tomorrow.

down, by imposing a

The Bill removed at the same

It also reduces the three year

individual integrity of employees

DIVORCE BILL

There was also laughtr when Mr

ince returning from Russia.

perse without violating frontiers or abandoning ground. "Maritime power can reach, with

those factors than had the West. The Soviets were striving to

Aids case

The thirty-seventh confirmed

case in Britain of the disease Aids which destroys the body's immunity to other illnesses, has been diagnosed in a man, aged 32, living in Brighton.

There were interruptions from MPs as Mr Robinson spoke and The Speaker told MPs. The Prime Minster is evidently suffering from a cold and I hope the House will have

Ban on trade unions

Mrs Thatcher: I note that the committee endorsed the Govern-ment's objectives but take a different view of how to achieve

but we remain convinced that the Government's approach provides the only effective guarantee to meet those objectives.

Intelligence agencies have been treated differently by successive 20vérnment s

Mr Kinnock began: Can I sympathize with the Prime Minister with her throat difficulty. I promise privately to offer the name of a very

He told Mrs Thatcher. On the vexed subject of GCHQ. the Civil Service unions have offered firm quarantees against disruption and they will be reaffirmed at the

not only a constructive but a unanimous report. In the light of these developments, does she not realize that failure to adopt a course like the one suggested by the select committee would be to abandon fair play and commonsense and to neglect the national interest? Mrs Thatcher: The Government

will consider the select committee report but remains convinced that the decisions announced on January 25 remain the only effective guarantee of our objectives, which the committee endorsed. Mr Kinnock: Clearly they are not

the only effective guarnatees. Does Mrs Thatcher think that anybody in the trade unions or in the select committee wanted any less than she to safeguard properly the security of this country?
Will she not realize for once that

Present law defers rather than deters

If any amendment to this clause

at report stage gave rise to a conscience issue, then it would be

dealt with financial arrangements. They came from ex-husbands and

second wives who thought the system had moved too far in favour

of ex-wives and from ex-wives who had given their husbands the best

years of their lives and felt they had

The priority must be the children.

Havers: Three years

encouraged adultery.

wife should have adequate means to

provide the right surroundings and upbringing for the child. Giving first priority to children was likely to

encourage men to keep up their

It was a change of emphasis given in the guidance to the courts, rather

than a radical re-structuring of the law relating to the financial arrangements, that the Bill was seeking to achieve.

None of them ever wished to see restored those appalling week or fortnight long cruelty cases designed

to achieve nothing more than to try

to reduce the claim for maintenance that might follow the granting of a decree. He was confident that the Bill had it right and that the

apprehension expressed was mis-

As it stood the Bill would not enable the trivial incidents of broken marriages to be paraded before the courts. It would confine the need to be to the need to th

the need to have regard to the parties' conduct to those cases

maintenance payments.

the only guarantee democracy and do not require to be made under the duress that she is unforcing at GCHO?

Mrs Thatcher repeated that the committee had endorsed the

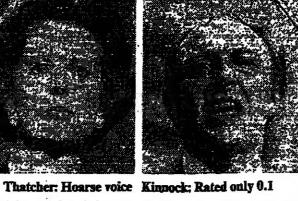
it said (she continued) that Government had to be satisfied that e objectives could be reached and I have yet to see anything which as head of the Government and therefore responsible for security services, that those objectives can be that which the Government has laid

I have said I would see the trade unions again and I shall.

Mr John Gorst (Hendon North, C): Will she give an assurance that there are contingency plans made to meet the Government rather than trade union inspired disruption that could well result after March 1 if there is no agreement on either the of the select committee's Mrs Thatcher: As one of the

problems has been the selective disruption from 1979 to 1981 and as everyone is interested in keeping security. I trust there will be no Mr Michael Howard (Folkestone and Hythe, C): Is it not remarkable

that during all of the many exchanges which have taken place across the floor of the House on GCHQ since January 25, not a single member on any of the Opposition beaches has uttered a word of condemnation of the industrial activity which disrupted activities there, including theose activities which took place between February and April 1979, when Dr David Owen had direct ministerial esponsibility for these matters? GCHQ was specially targetted for disruption because those who targetted it in the Civil Service unions knew that disruption there



have a debate on the adjournment about GCHQ. There have been a grateful if Opposition MPs would condemn that action, if only in During exchanges following the announcement that there would be a statements from Number 10 statements outside. This House has to have a view. I hope there will be a vote a week next Monday. debate on GCHQ on Monday, February 27, MPs demanded that

Mr Biffen: I understand that point. It is a matter for consider through the usual channels. Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton, South, SDP): Will Mr Biffen give a

debate would be on the motion to adjourn or on a Government motion. He said that the type of commitment that the Governm despite the Prime Minister's comments today will not finally make up its mind before the debate. If the Government is not prepared to budge on this, flying in the face of unprecedented moves by debate would make a difference to Mr Biffen, Lord President of the Council, said the form of the mmotion would be considered through the usual channels between the face of unprecedented moves by the unions to try to accomodate the Government, they will be encourag-ing non-cooperation at GCHQ as the only means of achieving the goals of the trade unions in this

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds, South and Mr Biffes: I am not going to argue

Deal on political levy

Legislation on the payment of trade union political levies will only be necessary if the agreement worked out with the TUC fails in practice. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime

there should be an opportunity to

vote on the issue rather than merely

Mr Kinnock asked whether the

the kind of response in the House.

the parties, but clearly the report of

(Plymouth, Devonport, SDP) asked: Has she abandoned her previously expressed view that it is wrong in principle to have to opt out of paying the trade union levy?

from that of children. But the startling omission was the lack of

proper provision for children of

practice was to make it impossible

to have a divorce in less than one

year, whereas now a court could.

during that period.

Two feelings had been engendered by the Bill. One was the hope of husbands that their situation would be dramatically changed by

the Bill. There would be a chan

for some, but he suspected for very

divorced wives that they would inevitably be a lot worse off. For the

majority, if not the overwhelming majority, there would be very little change, unless judges interpreted the words what is just and

equitable" in a manner wholly out

But for so long as these fears remained, it was for the promotors

of the Bill to dispose of them. He hoped the Government would say

they would consider amendments to

allay some of these fears and to give

clear guidelines to the courts. Mr Toby Jessel (Twickenham, C)

it was right that financial provision for them should come first.

said the trauma of divorce was orities.

He suspected all the Bill did in

-parent families.

Mrs Thatcher: We have not. He will find in our manifesto, which won a rather considerable majority, we said we would try to reach voluntary agreement with the trade unions.

The Secretary of State for Employment (Mr Tom King) believes he has reached such agreement with the TUC. If that agreement is effective, then that will be the end of the matter. If, in practice, that agreement is not effective, then we shall have to

Low pay levels motion rejected The Opposition motion condemning the Government for deliberately

fostering low pay levels and calling on it to abandon its threat to abolish wages councils was rejected in the Commons on Wednesday night by 289 votes to 196 - Government majority, 93. A Government amendment welcoming signs of economic recovery as carried by 286, votes to 196 - Government

CIVIL DEFENCE

Civil desence had to able to deal

of attack on this country and in such

an event the lives of millions of

people could depend on the planning and training of CD workers Mr Douglas Hard, Minister

of State, Home Office, said during

Commons question time.

Answering a question on the future of CD he said: Performance under the Civil Defence (General

Local Authority Functions) Regu-lations 1983 will be monitored by requiring reports from local auth-

ment is satisfied with the allocation

ment is satisfied with the autocation between local authorities and other civil defence agencies, the former have not so far spent up to planned levels. This is one of the matters we

can follow up as a result of our

Mr Michael Meadowcroft (Leeds

West, L): If the view of a local authority is that civil defence is

actually a false security, why would

with a wide range of possible forms

Brittan refuses to be drawn on searches

Opposition MPs unsuccessfully sought an explanation from Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary. at Commons question time on why police officers had searched the home and bievele bags of Mr Duncan Campbell, the investigative

Mr Brittan repeated that the warrent under which Mr Campbell's premises were searched was issued by the court, and that he was not answerable for the actions of the

court. The powers exercised by the police (he said) are ones which are challengable in the courts it anyone suggests that they have been

Exchanges on the subject began when Mr David Winnick (Walsall, North, Lab) asked Mr Brittan if he was aware of the considerable concern over the way the papers and diaries of Mr Campbell had been searched arising from an accident on his bicycle.

Is it not time (he continued) that the Government recognized that we that there are basic civil liberties to



civil liberties.

be respected, even by the Home Secretary and the authorities?

Mr Britan: He is right in drawing attention to the question of civil liberties. It is for that reason that the warrant under which Mr Campbell's premises were searched was issued by the court in response to an application under the rule of law. Later Mr Frank Cook (Stockton North, Lab) asked if when Mr Brittan last met the Metropolitan Police Commissioner he had asked him why officers raided the premises of Greenpeace and Friends

of the Earth in order to rifle documents and why they took a document relating to the disposal of radioactive waste at Billingham in Mr Brittan: If there is any

he seek to override that local view?

Mr Hurd: Because we are satisfied

and Parliament agreed, this is a

national and a common sense policy which should be carried through by

Mr David Nellist (Coventry South

East, Lab): Is he aware that last

Wednesday a police officer stationed in Coventry telephoned the speaking clock and set off the nuclear war alert system in Coventry, Nuneaton and Warwick-

shire? Since only a hundred people

were woken by this alarm, does not the \$6p per head a year spent on civil defence compared with the £16

a week a family on bombs, show

Mr Hard: I do not think his

Mr Peter Rost (Erewash, C) said the

only action taken by Derbyshire County Council was the setting up

nuclear free zone.

Mr Hard: Certainly no one is the

ons come from his premise.

suggestion that everything that was done was not in accordance with the law it can be challenged in the

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP). Explanations of that sort and the one involving Mr Campbell give rise to great concern that the police are going on general fishing expeditions in order to obtain information. normal way.

obtain information. Will Mr Brittan discuss this with the Commissioner and after doing so consider if it is necessary to introduce further amendments to the Police and Criminal Evidence

Bill to ensure that general fishing expeditions by the police did not take place. Mr Brittan: I very much doubt that

amendments to the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill will arise from these matters. There is certainly nothing in the Bill that should lead to the view that the position Mr Wrigglesworth is anxious about is rendered in any sense worse, but I will consider the points he makes Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab):

Does he know why the courts gave authority to the police to rifle through the home and bicycle bags of Mr Campbell? Does he know who knocked Mr Campbell off his bicycle? Mr Brittan: The answer to the

second question is "No". The

It would be a dangerous step if the House were to expect ministers of the Crown to account for the actions Mr Gerald Kanfman, chief Oppo-

His answers about these police raids are totally unacceptable. He seeks to shuffle off his responsibility. He is the police authority for the Metropolitan Police. what justification did the

police photo-copy the contacts book of Mr Campbell? By what justifi-cation are the police developing this dangerous tendency to go on fishing expeditions.

Will Mr Brittan inquire into these

aspects and will he tell the Commissioner this is England and not South Africa. Mr Brittan: I do not think the Commissioner needs any lessons from Mr Kaufman about what

country we are in. He has done a great service to the people of London in reducing the level of I made it quite clear that the

powers exercised by the police are ones which are challengeable in the courts if anyone suggests that they have been exceeded. The obtaining something the courts have the right

MPs press for

explanation of

Gummer threat

The Government was again pressed in the Commons to explain what Mr

John Selwyn Gummer, chairman of the Conservative Pary, meant when

he said that "very serious action" would be taken agianst the BBC following the recent Panoruma Programme alleging links between right-wing extremists and the

During question time exchanges on the BBC television licence fee, Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife,

Lab) said at 121/2 a day, the licence

fee probably represented the best value in the country today.

How does he explain the remarks

(he asked) of Mr Gummer that

against the BBC because it dared to

put on a programme criticizing the Tory Party? Was that whipper

snapper speaking for the Govern-ment when he used those words?

Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of

it serious criticisms were made of a particular programme and I under-

stand they are being seriously considered. It has nothing to do

with the licence fee.
Earlier, Mr Hamilton had asked

about the future rate for the

Mr Hurd told him the present levels

of the licence formed the basis of the BBC's income until April 1985. No consideration had been given to an

Mr David Heathcoat-Amory (Wells,

C) asked Mr Hurd to make a statement about unfair anomalies in

Mr Hurd: There certainly are

anomalies and we have been looking at them. But if you remove

the existing concessions that is harsh and if you extend them then the remainder would have to pay a

very high rate indeed.

Conservative Party.

Mr John Gummer bas been: an unlucky chairman of the Conservative Party so far. To some extent that was predetermined by the timing of his

Geoffrey

Smith

Commentary

appointment. The person who takes over a party machine immediately after a massive election victory is almost certain to see it slide downhill a bit. The power and the glory have been won: now is the time for the reaction.

was afraid last summer that he might be offered the appointment himself. There would be just time to lose a string of by-elections over the next combe of years, and then somebody else would be brought in to win the next general election.

Perhaps Mr Gummer has occasional nightmares that this may be his fate.

To make matters worse, he took over just in time to inherit the tawdry publicity of the Parkinson episode. Everybody will remember last October's Blackpool conference for Mr Parkinson's departure, not for Mr Gummer's arrival.

well do without for his part in the row over the Panorama programme on extremist infiltration into the Conservative Party. He has issued a denial that his warning of "very serious action" was a threat against the BBC, and one must take his word for it. In which

object to the programme was not surprising. That he should But the way in which Mir-

ment landed Mr John Biffen in some embarrassment this week when he was standing in for Mrs Thatcher during Prime Minister's Questions in the

shown himself to be a diligent, efficient and eager administrator. The word "eager" is one that often comes to mind in describing Mr Gummer. It accounts for many of his strengths and his failings.

the late Reggie Mandling, whose perorations at party conferences were gems sustained anti-climax, but who was one of the most formidable on television. Whether on the platform or in the studio he was always so relaxed

Gummer lacks calm authority

television. His speech to the Blackroo

conference was no more than 21 exercise in political knockabout, but it was decidedly accomplished knockabout witty and stirrring to a party in travail.

liable to appear too excited, as he did in the *Panorana* programme. He does not have a television face. This is another way of saying

that in the intimate circum-stances of the television screen he lacks the calm of assured authority. Perhaps that is not surprising because he has not been given the seniority appro-priate to the chairman of the Conservative Party. He is the first person, at least since the Second World War, to combine the roles of chairman and Mr Parkinson was a junior

minister when he was appointed, but once in office he took his place around the Cabinet table. That is where the chairman of the party ought

Cabinet, it is still worse if he is serving in a subordinate C pacity within the Government If a person is a fitting choice to be chairman of the party he

At least one Cabinet minister

Now Mr Gummer is attracting some publicity that he could

case it was meaningless. Careless words

cost reputations That Mr Gemmer should.

have felt it necessary to protest forcibly was equally under-standable: his party would have been out for his blood if he had failed to so so. Gummer expressed his resent-

It is perhaps a little bit more than bad luck on Mr Gummer

that this episode should have Careless words cost reputations in politics. But it would still be a pity if Mr Gummer's stewardship as chairman of the party was not seen in broader At Central Office he has

He is an absolute contrast to

Mr Gummer is not relaxed. This gives a vitality to his public speeches but also makes him somewhat unsettling on

On television, however, he is

Lord Thorneycroft was 2 much more effective chairman when the Conservatives were in opposition, and he took part is the weekly meetings of the shadow cabinet, than he was when they returned to government and he was unwilling to join the Cabinet.

But while it is bad enough if the chairman is outside the

is worthy of being appointed to

'Sea blind' Britain back on course

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent Britain was beinning to build naval power which went recover from "sea blindness of beyond their basic defensive

requirements.

must not fail.

misguided unconcern about maritime matters" from which it had been suffering, Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, First Sea Lord, said vesterday. He was speaking at a conference on Soviet maritime

power organized in London by the Royal United Services Institute and the Hudson Institute of New York Naval forces could advance. withdraw, concentrate of dis-

matchless, subtle facility, places which other forms of force cannot reach, touching nerves and stimulating responses."
The Russians had sustained a far more logical appreciation of

Sir Alec Guinness, Joan Plowright, Maggie Smith, and Paul Eddington will be appear-

Chichester stars

intentions of a possibly enemy. Whatever moderate and reasonable intentions we may read into out potential enemy, it is essential to look beyond at the capability that can be wielded, for it is this that we

Sir John said: "Capabilities bequeath options and for the Soviet Navy the options increasingly are worldwide." It was important for the West to avoid being too preoccupied, almost to the exclusion of

anything else, by the possibility of total war in a direct confrontation between Nato and the Warsaw Pact, which was unlikely to occur.

ing at the Chichester Festival Theatre which opens its 1984 season on May 2.

where to disregard it would be Neither was there any proper provision for children. The Bill had been criticized because of an offensive to justice. Provisions would encourage the underlying assumption that main-tenance of wives could be separated

given a free vote, if pressed on the floor of the House. Part II of this Bill implemented financial ties between the parties sometimes immediately and somethe commission's recommendations times after an interval. Those ons did not apply to financial divorce. These made the children orders where there were children. the first priority.

The Lord Chancellor had re-Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C) intervened to ask if, as a result of the Bill, the Attorney General thought the institution of marriage would be strengthened or ceived an increasing number of complaints about the way the courts

Sir Michael Havers said the Bill got rid of the abomination of having to apply for leave by establishing exceptional depravity, which was hated by judges, counsel and others who had to deal with it. He thought the Bill made it a much cleaner operation and was much less likely to induce people to lie. If that was right, it could only do good to the

Mr John Morris, Opposition spokesman on legal affairs, said body after body over the years had recommended the establishment of family courts. There was no greater clog in the way of change than existing institutions. Self-interest leapt into action to argue why something could not be done.

A change in the institutions would allow a different approach, and the activities of the supplementary Benefits Commission and the courts would not continue as though there was no connexion between their respective roles. The changes proposed merely played with the problem. There was also an absence of provision for

trying to preserve some of them.

Commons next week will be: Monday: Debate on EEC budget for

motions on youth unemployment

and on the care of the elderly.

Tuesday:

Proceedings on the

(Overseas Promotion)

hrewsbury and Atcham Council Bill, second

If we believe in the importance of Parliament today preserving marriage (he said) a fraction of the resources given to destroying marriage should be spent

if conduct was to be broadly excluded from consideration by the courts, that would not strengthen marriage and family life.

Commons (9.30): Debate on private

Next week's business

The main business in the House of Lords will be: Monday: Telecommunications Bill, committee, fourth Tuesday: Telecommunications Bill. Wednesday: Debate on industry. Thursday: Prevention of Terrorism

Wednesday: Debates on Opposition Thursday: Proceedings on the Pension Commutation Bill. Merchant Shipping Bill, remaining stages. Shrewsbury and Atcham (Temporary Provisions) Bill. committee. Animal Health and Welfare Bill, report.
Friday: Chronically Sick and Friday: Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment)

BT should buy British

Councils' performance

to be monitored

HOUSE OF LORDS The interests of British manufac-

turers of telecommunications equipment, which were of paramount importance, were fully covered by the Telecommunications Bill, Lord Cockfield, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said during discussion in the House of Lords an Opposition amendment which, Lord Brace of Desington said, sought to provide assurances for manufacturers as well as consumers. manufacturers as well as consumers.

amendment should be supported. There was nothing specified in the Bill about British firms which equipment, he pointed out that BT in pursuit of its licence for cellular radio, placed the first orders for equipemt with the Nippon Electric

Co and not with any British concern. The Racall company, also placed orders for equipment abroad.
The amendment was withdrawn but Lord Bruce indicated that the stage to come up with a definition which made clear the commitment to safeguard British manufacturers.

A report in the Daily Mail of an interview with two Russian guests of the Mothers for Peace Press Council said yesterday.

Passmore and the headline "Kremlin's 'peace women' fluff their lines" distorted and distorted and misrepresented the interview. The Daily Mail found no

week was hostile and unlikely to be welcome to the organization. It concentrated on a short passage from a substantial interview. The organizers would no doubt have preferred publicity to have been cross to asher especies of the given to other aspects of the interview, but the report was interview, but the report was substantially accurate and is supported by the transcript of a recording of the proceedings. The complaint against the Daily Mail is

Preace that an article by John

for the story. The Press Council's adjudi-

Although not mentioned by name, Mr Arthur Martin could be identified by articles in the Sunday Telegraph and Daily Telegraph, his counsel, Mr Frank Gillibrand, said.

reopened to probe role of former agent". It suggested that former agent involved in the Blunt affair was under suspicion of being a Russian spy.

Mr Gillibrand told Mr Justice

A former senior MI5 agent

who played a leading role in uncovering Soviet spy Anthony Blunt and was then linked to spying for the Russians won substantial libel damages in the High Court in London yester-

The first article, in the Sunday Telegraph in January last year, was headed "Blunt file

There was a report in the Daily Telegraph the next day and a third article in the Daily Telegraph at the end of January, which described the search of Mr Martin's home in Chelsea

Comyn that there was no truth in any of the allegations and the newspapers had agreed to pay undisclosed damages and costs.

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It was essential to distinguish between the capability and the

London welcome: The Lord Mayor of London, Dame Mary Donaldson, greeting the Queen at All Hallows-by-the-Tower in London yesterday before the Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving Service of the Britsh Leprosy Relief Association.

Daily Mail 'distortion' rejected

orgaization was hostile and organization, but was neverthe-less substantially accurate, the The council rejected a complaint by Mothers for

reason to correct or apologise

The Daily Mail report of a group interview with some participants at a Mothers for Peace discussion

Libel award for former MI5 agent

and the removal of documents.

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White Paper projects public spending to match inflation

THE TIMES FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17 1984

The "broadly stable" projections of pending unveiled yesterday by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Mr Peter Rees, in the first public expenditure White Paper of this Parliament, show a gradual slowdown in the growth of public spending over the next three years - in line with the modest fall in inflation forecast by the Treasury.

The White Paper projects a 5 per cent increase in public spending in 1984-85. to £126,353m, followed by increases of 4.5 per cent in 1985-86 and 3.5 per cent in 1986-87. The Treasury is assuming that prices throughout the economy will rise by 5 per cent during 1984-85, with inflation declining to 4 per cent during the next two years.

This would mean no real increase in public spending, for the first time since Mrs Margaret Thatcher took office. Despite repeated assertions in the past that the Government intended to curb public spending, the figures in this White Paper show that it has risen in real terms every year since 1979.

month, spending was at one stage expected to overshoot the target set only last spring by as much as £2,000m. The White Paper suggests that it will be only £700m above target. partly because the Treasury has not distributed £750m of its contingency reserve (about half the total) to spending departments.

This still implies that public spending will have risen by more than 21 per cent faster than inflation. This latest estimate for 1983-84 is about £8,000m higher than the projection for that year published in the Conservatives' first public spending White Paper in 1980.

However, public spending has accounted for a declining share of gross domestic product since 1982, when the economy began to recover from the depths of the recession. From a peak of 44 per cent it is projected to fall to 42 per cent in 1984-85. Only if the economy continues to grow by 3 per cent a year, however, will its share fall by 1986-87 to below the 40.5 per cent level inherited from Labour in 1979.

| Sper | nding in | 1983-84 | plans and outturn | |
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| Planni | na total fo | or 1983-84 | published in: | |
| March | | • | £112.4 bri | |
| March | | - | £113.6 bn | |
| March | | | £120.7 bn | |
| Feb | 1983 | | £119.5 bn | |
| Feb | 1984 | | £120.3 bn | |
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Converted from volume to cash Source: Cmnd 9143

The stable "planning total" in the white paper conceals big changes in individual programmes. The most important shifts are:

A Cumulative increase in defence spending of nearly 19 per cent over the next three years. For the first two years, spending (excluding Falklands costs) rises by 3 per cent more than inflation, in line with Britain's Nato commitment

A cumulative decrease of nearly 40 per cent in spending on trade, industry, energy and employment. Much of this is a reflection of the planned decline in borrowing by nationalized industries. Their external finance, including

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Cost terms (base year 1982-82)

Main points

from the

White Paper

• The Government's re-

vised plans for expenditure in 1984-85 total £126.4bn,

the same as the provisional

total for that year published

in the last White Paper and

confirmed to the Autumn

On the assumption of 5

per inflation between 1983-

84 and 1984-85, the level of

public expenditure is ex-

pected to be broadly stable in

cost terms between the two

A provisional planning

total of £132.1bn has been

set for 1985-86 broadly the

same as the figure in the last

White Paper.

For 1986-87 the pro-

visional total is £136.7bn, a

cash increase of about 31/2

year.

The main changes in the

expenditure plans for 1984-

85 compared with the last

White Paper are increases

for agricultural support

(£0.4bn), local authority

(£0.6bn), and social security

(£1.3bn); and decreases in

(£0.3bn), housing (£0.5bn),

and nationalized industries external finance (£0.7bn).

Receipts from special sales

of assets are expected to

Since the Autumn State

ment the reserve for 1984-85

has been reduced by £250m.

That results mainly from an

increase in expected expen-

diture on some social secur-

ity benefits, partially offset

by a reduced requirement for

the Youth Training Scheme.

As announced in the Autumn

Statement, to improve con-

trol the reseve will in future

cover all contingencies, in-

cluding estimating changes

• Capital expenditure in

the public sector is planned

to be about £23.9bn in 1984-

85. In cost terms it has been

at broadly the same level since 1978-79.

increase by £0.4bn.

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defence

Total goods and services Capital grants to priv sec

| Annu | al change in public exp | planning totals of penditure |
|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| in cash | terms | |
| % | | (after inflation) % |
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| 1980-81 | +20.5 | +1.5 |
| 1981-82 | +13.0 | +2.8 |
| 1982-83 | + 8.3 | +1.6 |
| 1983-84 es | + 6.1 | +1.1 |
| 1984-85 pla | ms + 5.0 | 0.0 |
| 1985-86 pla | ns + 4.5 | |
| 1986-87 pla | ns + 3.5 | _ |

government grants, is assumed to fall by £2,410m over the period, implying that they will have to finance an increasing share of their investment from either improvements in efficiency or higher prices. (As usual, this is one of the most dubious elements in the white paper.) Regional aid and other forms of industrial support are also projected to fall from £1,300m in 1983-84 to £1,000m in 1986-87:

An increase of nearly 18 per cent,

1980-81

2,302 3,788 877

18,398

21,568

1,943 3,912 902

271 3,445

18,885

20,672

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP

Public Sector Capital Spending Em cash

1979-80

2,395 3,165 738

205 2,211

14,207 1,531

15,838

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SPENDING

ON GOODS

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Housing Other environment serve Law order and protective Education and science

Health and personal soc servs Social security Other public services Common services

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Planned changes in the main spending programmes Percent change between estimated outurn for 1983-84 and plans for 1984-85 1986-87

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Housing and other
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Law and order -5.8 - 0.5 +4.7 +13.2 -2.3 + 2.9 Education and science Health and personal social services

Derived from Cmnd 9143

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over the period, in social security hence more dependent on supplementary benefit;

A modest real increase in spending on health and personal social services. Education, transport and housing, by contrast, are all to be cut in real terms The net result of all these changes is that spending on programmes is projected to increase by only 3.1 per

1984-85

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and 2.8 per cent in 1986-87. However, the Treasury has built in a huge and increasing contingency reserve, rising from £2,750m in 1984-85 to £4,750m in 1986-87. If this were all to be allocated to programmes, the rate of increase in spending would rise to 5.3 per cent, 4.5 per cent 3.5 per cent.
But the planning total on which the

Government concentrates is reduced by the projections for public sector asset sales - £1,900m in 1984-85 and £2,000m for each of the following

This practice (condemned by the Treasury select committee of MPs for understanding the true level of spending to be financed) reduces both the overall figures and the increase in spending in 1984-85 - the year for which this White Paper matters most. Figures for later years will be renegotiated in the next public expenditure

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DEFENCE

Government moving towards defence expenditure 'plateau'

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

1979, the Government is moving towards a period in which there will be a negligible Europe, some measure of out-real growth in defence spending.

Of-area commitment, and our

The Government is committed to achieving a Nato target of three per cent growth annually in real terms until March 1986. On present plans, it will have achieved by then a real growth of 19.5 per cent since 1979, if spending on the Falklands is excluded, or 23 per cent if

In the first year after aban-donment of the Nato target -1986-87 - the Government is spending in the coming finanaiming for a growth in defence cial year will be running at just spending, excluding the Falk- over £17.000m, which is about lands, of only 4 per cent in cash terms, bringing the figure for that year to £18.660m.

That is predicted to yield an increase of 1 per cent in real unies that inflation will running at only about 3 per cent that year.

It is clear that the defence budget could come under severe pressure if inflation is much above that level two years from

Forces, said that the Ministry of Defence had been basing its long-term planning on the assumption that spending would be on a plateau when the Nato growth commitment exnired in 1986. There was no auestion, he said, of it leading to a big reexamination of defence commitment

"We believe that on the

Conservatives came to power in growth target, we shall be able to accommodate our basic commitments in central

obligations to all three Services".
The White Paper shows that spending on the Falkland Islands, including the cost of

announced fact that defence

For the first time since the the ending of the 3 per cent £300 for every man, woman! and child in the United It also shows that reductions

which had been set as a target in June. 1981, will not be achieved. It now looks as though the reduction will be only about half that number. with small increases occurring this year and next.

to reduce the number of its civilian employees from about reduction will be achieved through a change of status for the Royal Ordnance Factories.



Laying of the matting that is intended to cover all of Port

LAW AND ORDER

£23m more for prison plans

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

about £80m in 1985-6 to pay for expansion plans announced by Mr Leon Brittan, the Home

The programme, which seeks to end overcrowding by the close of the decade, includes four new prisons now being built and a further six on the drawing board, giving 3,196 extra places by the end of 1986-

The pay, overtime and allowances of 4.012 extra prison officers and 429 other staff being recruited are the biggest factor in a rise in current

ENERGY

Coal continues

to drain

state funds

By David Young

The continuing drain on government funds by the National Coal Board and the

increasing contributions by the

electricity and gas industries are

highlighted in the White Paper.

industry's external finance limit

(EFL) - which includes redunancy payment provisions as well as support for the con-

cessionary coal scheme for miners - in 1984-85 is £1.103m.

Figures published vesterday show that provision by the

Government for the redun-

dancy scheme and concession-

ary coal scheme, other than the

contribution paid by the EEC, is

expected to rise from the £243m included in the 1984-85 EFL, to

2270m in 1985-86 and £290m

butions expected from the gas

and electricity industries is

shown by the projected total

EFLs of the nationalized indus-

tries within the Department of

Energy. Present government

support of £259m in 1985 will

change to a contribution of 1550m in 1985-86 and to

£1,420m in 1986-57.

The extent of the contri-

n 1936-87.

It shows that the coal

Capital spending on prisons expenditure from £495m this will rise from £57m this year to £590m in 1986-7.

year to £31m next year and £40m in 1985-6 owes much to a change in radio frequencies. entailing a speed-up in telecommunications re-equipment. The change was agreed at an international conference on frequencies in 1979.

Current expenditure police is due to rise from £44m to £50m by 1986-7. Plans assume that police strength in England and Wales of 121,003 in March 1983 will reach 122,500 by the end of 1986.

£29m this year to £40m in 1984-

The cost of computerizing magistrates' court processes is

by the Lord Chancellor's Department on court services by £23m this year to £50m in 1985provides for a forecast increase from the present 67,800 committals a year for trial to 84,000 in 1986-7.

SHIPBUILDING AND STEEL

Cash limits reflect differing fortunes By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Britain's two main nationaized manufacturing industries, steel and shipbuilding, are given forecast external financing limits (EFLs) for 1984-85 totalling £450m, with the public spending plans highlighting the differing fortunes of the two

tinuing to be hit by the badly centre of the present row over depressed state of world demand for new ships and shows little chance of being able to support itself in the near future. British Steel, however, is slowly emerging from its past problems and a trading profit within the next two years looks likely. corporations.
British Shipbuilders is con-

the disposal of the Scott Lithgow yard, is expected to overshoot significantly its £180 EFL for 1983-84. The Brish Steel Corporation envisages a loss in the present year of £181m and its present corporate plan forecasts a profit British Shipbuilders, at the after interest in the coming year

year. The White Paper, however,

PRIVATIZATION

Forecast income revised sharply upwards

By Jonathan Davis Financial Correspondent

The Government's forecasts for the proceeds from privatization have again been revised sharply upwards. The sale of state-owned industry assets is now expected to raise £5,900m over the next three years - roughly double what the Treasury has raised from this source since Mrs Margaret Thatcher took office in 1979.

Although the projection for the coming financial year has been left unchanged at £1900m, the figure for 1985/6 has been quadrupled from

£500m to £2,000m. The Treasury expects to raise another £2,000m the following year as well, for which no previous forecasts have been

The most the Treasury has raised in a single year before from asset sales is the £1,200m it expects to obtain in the present financial year. The bulk of that money - about £1,100 - has come from the sale of shares in three companies, BP, Britoil and Cable & Wireless.

The higher figures for future years reflect the fact that the Government is now stepping up

both the scale and tempo of its denationalization programme. Ministers from the Treasury and

the main sponsoring departments for the nationalized industries agreed a few weeks ago on a timetable for a whole range of future privatization measures, which will take them right up to the next election and could raise as much as £10,000m.

The White Paper confirms that the Government is hoping to complete three substantial stock market flotations in the next 12 to

The first of these is likely to be

the sale of Enteprise Oil, a new company that the Government has set up to own the North Sea oil assets of the British Gas Corporation. This is scheduled to take place in the early summer and should raise an estimated £400m. according to stock market analysts.

Then in October the Governmen is due to offer shares in British Telecom in what will be the biggest flotation of its kind ever undertaken. The Government plans to sell half the corporation to the public, which most experts believe should raise about £4,000m.

EDUCATION

Huge cut in school meals proposed

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

A huge cut in school meals as Secretary of State for Education financial year beginning in April, 1984, in an education budget which shows less spending in real and cash terms.

out yesterday that the 7 per cent cut in real terms between this year and next would probably be made up by the extra £660m it was giving to the local authorities to spend on which programmes they pleased. On the evidence of last year, they spent more than half of this sum on education.

The White Paper shows that school meals are being cut from £414m in 1983-84 to £257m in 1984-5, an attempt by the Government to persuade local authorities to save money by moving over to cafeteria systems and thereby reduce staff and other overheads.

Adult education is being reduced by £18m in the next financial year, but then goes up again in 1985 by £7m to £80. and the youth service is receving a similar cul. down £15m next year and then up again by £8m to £100m. Both these cuts will hit the Inner London Education Authority unduly because it spends much more than average on these two

well as significant reductions in and Science, pointed out in a adult education and the youth written answer in the House of service are proposed for the Commons yesterday that next year the school population would fall by more than 2 per

He also maintained that in However, government real terms spending on edu-officials were at pains to point cation has increased by I per real terms spending on educent over the past five years and that this should be compared with a fall of about 12 per cent in the school population. It is this fact which enables officials to say that spending per pupil will rise in real terms.

This is not the case, however, in higher education. In this sector spending per student is set to fall. Although the universities are not being cut over the next three years, the White Paper says that "the cash available will require a measure of increased economy if stan-

dards are to be maintained". It adds: "Provision per student will in any case be reduced as a result of increased admissions during the years of peak demand." Academic jobs have already been lost in the universities through early retirement and it is now the turn of the polytechnics and institutes of higher education to find compulsory redundancies. It was made clear vesterday

that 500 lecturers in the public sector would have to be made redundant if they did not go voluntarily. The Government is cation drops by £300m next looking for a loss of 3,000 jobs year. from £13,356m to in this sector between 1983 and £13,052m. But after that it is set 1985. Each redundancy is to rise, reaching £13,750m in expected to cost £8,000, to be 1986-87. Sir Keith Joseph, taken out of the £20m put aside

SOCIAL SECURITY

Higher pensions drive up payments

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent Social security spending, average 2.85 million throughout

which makes up almost 30 per cent of central government expenditure, is set to rise by £6.3bn to £41.6bn over the next three years, on the figures in yesterday's White Paper.

The driving forces are chiefly a £2.9bn rise to £17.6bn in retirement pensions; a continuing rise in unemployment benefit from £1.52bn to £1.7bn; and an increase in supplementary benefit - the "safety net" from almost £5,7bn to £6.9bn. The increases assume that most benefits will rise in line

with prices, with inflation assumed to rise by 5.5 per cent this year, and by 4.5 per cent and 4 per cent in the following Unemployment, excluding

school leavers is assumed to

the period - a variation of 100,000 either way would affect spending by about £185m. The White Paper shows increased dependence by the unemployed on supplementary

benefit - the result of more claims by long-term numbers of school and college leavers who have never found work and so have no national insurance contribution record, and the end of carnings related supplements to unemployment

Elderly people, however, are becoming less dependent on supplementary benefit, in part because more have occu-pational pensions and the earnings related scheme is beginning to come into effect.

on family doctors declining

from £3m next year to below

Elm during 1985-87.

HEALTH

Real spending to rise 10% By Our Social Services 1986-87, with capital spending

Correspondent Spending on the National

Health Service will rise by about £2.4bn over the next three years, to more than £17bn. That provides for real increases of about 1 per cent on hospital and community services, roughly double the long term growth assumption of 0.5 per cent announced last

appears to foreshadow government attempts to control demand-led family practitioner services, which are not cash limited, and which will exceed their Budget by about £100m this year.

The Department of Health is studying a report by the management consultants Binder Hamlyn on controlling family doctors' spending. Cash limits have been ruled

out as impractical, but the department is considering moves to cut medical students numbers, encourage GPs to retire at 65, and control more strictly the numbers of overseas doctors in a attempt to limit the

increase in family doctors. Capital spendig will rise by about £50m next year, but by £110m over the three years to



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However, Mr John Stanley,

present levels, notwithstanding

building the new airport and of replacing equipment lost in the conflict of 1982, will be running at £684m in 1984-85. £552m in 1985-86, and £450m in 1986-87. It confirms the previously

in manpower in the Armed Forces of up to 20,000 by 1986,

The ministry, however, aims 200,000 now to 170,000 by April, 1988. More than half that

Stanley airfield.

A jump in capital spending on the police from £19m this

A rise in spending on magistrates' court services from 5 includes costs of starting seven buildings in 1984-5 and a projected 12 in 1985-86.

also included. Fifty out of 611 petty session divisions were using computerized systems by the end of 1982-3; A rise in capital expenditure

ENVIRONMENT Cuts in farming services

By Hugh Clayton Spending on farming, fish-The Government wants to eries, the grocery industry and forestry is planned to drop from cut spending on farming, forestry and a wide range of range from care of historic monuments to inland waterways. The figures for a care of the care of historic year to £1,930bn in 1986-7.

increase in some Government are complicated by the fact that some money is eventually repaid from EEC funds. agencies; there will also be widespread cuts.

The main achievement of the

conference is the setting up of a

joint Angolan-South African

commission "to monitor the

disengagement progress in sou-

thern Angola and to detect.

be held "in other mutually agreed locations at the con-

representatives could partici-

commission at the request of

increase in drug abuse statistics.

But it is also true that more

young people are turning to

drugs. Eighty per cent of drug

addicts are between 15 and 25.

As might be expected. Paris is

flourishing industries", as one

newspaper described it. The

Marmottan Medical Centre for

treating drug addicts claims in

its latest annual report that you

can now find a dealer within

500 yards of your home,

There is a profusion of cheap heroin in Paris, and each

of the rival drug trafficking

gangs - Marseillais, Tunisians,

Asiatics, Yugoslavs, Israelis and

wherever you live in Paris.

outdo one another.

and they are getting younger.

mitments of the parties".

venience of the parties".

Angola and South Africa announced joint steps here (yesterday to establish and his effective ceasefire in the border war and, it is hoped, to open the inte way for a wider peace settlement in the region and indepengok dence for Namibia.

The announcement was made after a historic trilateral conserence between the two ideologically hostile southern African states and the United States, which acted as mediator. The high powered Souh African and Angolan negotiating teams were led respectively by Mr Pik Botha, the South African foreign Minister, and Lieutenant-Colonel Alexandre Rodri-gues, the Angolan interior Minister.

Dr Chester Crocker, the assistant secretary of State for African Affairs, headed the American delegation. A communique described the

meeting as "an important and constructive step towards source told The Times that the peaceful resolution of the US involvement would be only problems of the region, includ- symbolic. ing the question of the im-plementation of UN Security Council Resolution 435".

Resolution 435 is the internationally-accepted basis for the ranting of independence to South African troops had begun Namibia, a pre-First World War German colony which South Africa has occupied for 67 years. Since 1966 South Africa's as been regarded as illegal by

President Kaunda of Zambia via the Americans, that neither opened the meeting saying that Angola nor Swapo (South-West "a historic opportunity now exists to make progress". He also hosted a banquet for the participants on Wednesday

the last 17 years for the independence of Namibia, and has operated from bases in southern Angola since the mid-1970s, when Portuguese colonial rule in Angola ended. In the past few years fighting across the Namibian-Angolan border has steadily intensified.

investigate and report any alleged violations of the com-The Lusaka communiqué said that the three parties to the converence saw the task of the The first meeting of the joint commission in the weeks ahead day, and further meetings are to as being "to facilitate the successful completion of the disengagement process and to establish an effective cessation The Communique said that "a small number of American of hostilities.

Swapo itself was not represented at the meeting, but it is presumed that Angola was speaking for the organization, the parties". A diplomatic, source told The Times that the which has so far observed the terms the South African disen-

LONDON: Mr Sam Nujo-The creation of the comma, leader of Swapo, held talks mission follows on the anat the Foreign Office with Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of nouncement on January 31 by Mr P. W. Botha, the South State, on Namibian independence issues yesterday (Our disengaging from southern Angola as the first step towards Correspondent Diplomatic Sources emphasized that the

a hoped-for permanent ceasefire visit by Mr Nujoma had long This, he said, was being done been planned as part of a European tour,

Drug abuse soars France bans sale

of solvent From Diana Geddes, Paris A big increase in the number France has decided to ban the police dealing with drug sale of trichlorethylene solvent offences is undoubtedly in part its campaign to tackle the everresponsible for the dramatic

last year as a direct result of "sniffing" solvents and glue. M Joseph Franceschi, Minister for Public Security, told Wednesday's cabinet meeting that a record 190 people died in France last year officially due to drug abuse, 16 per cent more than in the previous year, and nearly double the number five years earlier. But the real figure was probably three or four times higher, he added.

people are known to have died

The quantity of drugs seized by police and customs last year broke all records: 168 kilos of heroin were seized, up to 70 per cent up on the previous year. and 222 kilos of cocaine, nearly three times as much as in 1982, and a hundred times more than

The retail value of the total drugs haul including 28 tons of cannabis, had been estimated at Lyons, and the Porte de Vanve 7 billion francs (£580m), but as the best-known drug-trafficksome put the value ten times ing areas. As for the so-called higher. M Franceschi said. More than 26,000 people council house-dominated sub-

were arrested last year for drug offences, 20 per cent more than in 1982. They included 2,735 traffickers, three times the number in the previous year. Eight out of every 10 traffickers are foreigners, mostly Chinese and North African Arabs: eight

March of

deserts

Treurnicht party's slim unstoppable victory

From Our Correspondent Cape Town

nounced

Two by-election results an-

interesting pointers to the white

as the country prepares to

The ruling Nationalist Party

has lost the ultra-conservative Transvaal bushveld constitu-

ency of Soutpansberg to the

breakaway Conservative Party

led by Dr Andries Treumicht.

The CP majority was a bare 497

In the English-speaking Natal,

constituency of Pinetown the

Liberal opposition group, the Progressive Federal Party, the official Opposition, held its

ground against the small Natal-based New Republic Party,

which now seems destined to

fade rom the scene. The PFP retained the seat by 880 votes.

results are complementary rather than contradictory and

should encourage the Both

administration to quicken the pace of eform. Although the

rightist opponents in Soutpans-

berg, the narrow margin of the

Conservative win shows that

the right is not strong enough to

put a brake on any reformist

initiatives which the Nationalist

Government may care to

Pinetown, held by the strong-

ly reformist PFP, showed a

whites to move a great deal

faster in reform than the

Government has so far. The

state of the parties in the 178

member parliament is: National Party, 125: Progressive Federal

Party, 27: Conservatives, 18; New Republic Party, 8.

continuing willingness

introduce.

Political analysts say that the

introduce a new constitution.

political mood in South Africa

yesterday provide

money to pay for their fixes.

urbs that surround the city,

is just like the pavements in

Manila: children prostitute themselves to pay for their

drugs", the report says.
The police estimate that 50

From Charles Harrison Nairobi

Very little progress has been made in reversing the spread of the world's deserts since the first world conference on desertification was held in Nairobi in 1977, a UN official said yesterday. Mr Gaafar Karrar, a Suda-

nese expert who heads the desertification unit of the Nairobi-based United Nations Environment Programme said: "The goal of arresting the spread of the deserts by the year 2000 is no longer feasible." This goal was set at the 1977 conference. But a reassessment of the

areas threatened by desertification now indicates that 135 million people live in areas severely affected - not 57 million as estimated in 1977. Fifteen million acres are still being reduced to desert-like conditions every year through overpopulation, overgrazing and lack of care for the environment. Another 52 million acres are being reduced to "zero productivity" each year.

If the present march of desertification continues", Mr Karrar said. "The situation will become a global catastrophe by the year 2000. We could lose a third of our existing arabale

He said this had wide implications: for instance, low land productivity tended to force villagers into the towns, causing food shortages which could lead to riots and other

It was urgent for every country, especially in the Third World, to prepare a plan of action against the further spread of the desert and to seek international assistance to deal

Inquiry into mind control demanded From John Best

Evidence that the Canadian Government was involved in mind-control experiments in the 1950s and 1960s has produced demands for a full public inquiry.

Nine Canadians who were

unsuspecting guinea pigs in the experiments are already suing the US Government for \$C1m (£565,000) each because of the TA's involvement. The Canathe centre of the illicit drug trade. "One of France's few dian Government is supporting those actions. Recently, however, news-

paper Vancouver province re-ported that it had obtained documents showing that the Canadian Government had poured \$C500.000 between 1950 and 1964 into the Montreal Psychiatric Institute, where the experiments were conducted. The CIA gave \$C64,000 to the institute between 1957 and 1961. The newspaper said that the

French commercial travellers of the Golden Triangle - try to documents, obtained under Canada's Freedom-of-Information Law, show that the The report mentions Belle-Government knew that patients ville, Montmarte, the Gare de were sometimes put to sleep for several weeks, and were given electric shocks to the brain to "Parisian crown", the poor In other tests, taped messages

were played to patients for up to 16 hours a day, in some instances for 10 consecutive days. Some patients faced the tapes for 34 months. Patients whose brains re-

per cent of petty crime is carried sisted such treatment were out by drug addicts needing orced into artifical comas with drugs, or their resistance was owered by sensory deprivation. The Church of Scientology in

Toronto has now called on the ederal Government to launch a parliamentary inquiry into "the extent to which 'mind control' and similar-type experiments have gone on across Canada". The church made public

documents which showed that the experiments came under headings such as "Research into the psychological factors causing the human mind to accept certain political beliefs'

Tutu defies Botha on church role

Johannesburg (AFP) - The head of the South African Council of Churches, Bishop Desmond Tutu, has denied commission that the council is influenced by foreign doctrines. The commission, led by Justice D. F. Eloff, told

Justice D. Parliament yesterday that the council had increasingly identified itself with the "black liberation struggle" and had opted for a "revolutionary, rather an evolutionary, process of change in South Africa"

Appointed in 1981 by Mr P. W. Botha the Prime Minister, the commission recommended National Party lost a seat to its that the council subjected to the 1978 Fund-Raising Act, a move that would bring its finances and activities government scrutiny. At a press conference Bishop

Tutu said: "No secular authority, not even the government of the land, had any authority to sit in judgment on the churches about how to fulfil its Godgiven mandate to work for the extension of God's kingdom of justice, peace, reconciliation and compassion."

The bishop challenged the Government to charge the council in court if it had broken any laws by aiding political prisoners and their families.

launch massive assault

Bahrain (Reuter) - Tran and Iraq were locked in heavy ground fighting yesterday after Iranian forces launched an offensive in the central sector of the Gulf war front, prompting iraq to step up attacks onshipping in the Gulf. Shortly after Tehran an-

nounced the start of the offensive, about 110 miles east of Baghdad, Iraq said it had destroyed seven "enemy naval" targets" in a convoy at the head of the Guif.

The two actions, which follow air and shelling hombardments of towns on both sides and renewed Iranian threats to blockade the Gulf, brought the 40-month-old con-flict between the two Muslim neighbours to a new and dangerous phase.

Tehran radio, monitored by the BBC, said Iranian troops launched a big offensive last night and within 11 hours had broken through Iraq's front-line, it said 1,200 Iraqis had been killed or wounded. In Baghdad, an Traqi military

spokesman said Iraqi forces had contained the attack and destroyed part of the attacking Iranian force in a counter-offen-Tehran radio said the offensive centred south of the Iranian border town of Mehran and north-east of the Iraqi city

of Kut.

The national news agency Irna said Iranian troops had captured an Iraqi supply route and several strategic heights. A miliatry communique quoted by Tehran radio said the Fourth Iraqi Border Guard Brigade was destroyed. Iraq's 47th Infantry Battalion headquarters had also been destroyed, it said. Iran gave no indication of the

number of troops involved in the fighting or what it called the offensive "pre-determined obiectives" But diplomats in Baghdad

recently said reports from Tehran indicated about 500,000 Iranian troops had been sent to the war fronts in preparation for an offensive, after several months of stagnation in the ground fighting. In Baghdad.

spokesman said five enemy naval targets had been destroyed in naval and air attacks in the Khor Musa area at the head ofthe Gulf. Two other targets in the same convoy of Bandar Khomeini had been destroyed by Iraqi-laid mines He did not identify the ships, but said all Iraqi gunboats and aircraft retured safely to base. Bandar Khomeini is the site

of a joint Japanese-Iranian petrochemical project. Work on the 80 per cent complete complex was halted in 1981 after a series of Iraqi bomb attacks. In Tokyo, the Japanese partner said it had cancelled the

departure from Japan of a second batch of workers following another Iraqi raid on the site



he had ordered the transfer to a

Mieczyslaw Nowak, an out-spoken pro-Solidarity priest.

Before leaving on a visit to Brazil and Argentina Cardinal

Glemp called the transfer an

"internal church matter" ad-

ding that he had also spoken to

another militant priest, Father

Father Nowak has been

transferred on short notice from

St Joseph's church in the

Warsaw working class suburb of

Usrus, the site of a tractor factory that has been a big Solidarity stronghold, to be-

come the senior priest at Leki

Jerzy Popieluszko.

remote rural parish of Father union.

Red Brigade | Downing St visit boasts it killed Hunt From Peter Nichols By Henry Stanhope plomatic Correspondent

Accused terrorists from the

hard-line wing of the Red Brigades claimed responsibility yesterday, during court proceed ings in Genoa, for the murder on Wednesday night in Rome of Mr Leamon Hunt, head the support office here for the multinational force in Sinai. Mr Hunt aged 57, a former

US diplomat, was being driven home in a bullet-proof car. A statement from the Ameri-

can Embassy here pointed out that, through a tragic irony, the attack struck at an organization which had succeeded in almost two years of existence in ensuring peace in a large part of the Middle East.

the banned Solidarity trade

Wednesday

nearly four hours at Warsaw

police headquarters, where he

was presented with transcripts

which have regularity drawn

thousands of worshippers. Both

Father Nowak and Father

Popieluszko are anong a group

of priests who are being investigated on charges of

abusing religious freedom in

sermons attacking the Commu-

nist regime.

was questioned for

sermons from monthly pro-Solidarity "masses for the fatherland" at the Ursus church

Father

a statement of principles rather than a plan of action." by Husain

Triple assault: Druze gummen burst into a Phalangist stronghold in Damour in the attack

which wrested two towns from Lebanese government forces.

the US withdrawing support for President Amin Gemayel if -

against American advice - he

abrogates the Lebanese - Israeli

troop withdrawal accord of May

17 last year, as demanded by the

Reagan on Wednesday night. Asked whether the US Would

alter its backing for President

Gemayel if the accord has

broken, he replied: "No. It

would not change our position that as long as there is a chance

for peace there we are going to

Shiltz the Secretary of State, that "those who would dispense

with this agreement must bear

the responsibility to find alternative formulas for Israeli

withdrawal" was a statement of

both Government and personal

commitment to the accord - he

Administration officials said

President Gemayel had accept-

ed an eight-point Saudi Arabian

proposal for achieving a settle-

ment in Lebanon that would

include scrapping the Israeli--Lebanese accord on troop

withdrawals. It was described as

The assertion of Mr George

That was emphasized by Mr

Reagan supports UN

force for Beirut

With American policy in sist that there is no question of

Syrians.

keep striving."

helped mediate.

Lebanon in collapse, the Rea-

gan Administration is throwing

strong support behind the creation of a United Nations

peacekeeping force in the Beirut

area, while trying to reassure its

Middle East allies that it is still

able to influence events in the

President Reagan has given

congress formal notice that

most of the American Marine

contingent in Beirut will be

removed to ships offshore "within 30 days" an eight-page

report to congress prepared by

the Pentagon and State Depart-

ment asserted that the Marines

had "become a target in an area that is no longer under Govern-

The report added that an unspecified number of Marines

would "remain on the ground for the protection of our remaining personnel." The role of the UN is central

to the immediate plans of the Reagan Administration. The

mood is grim. "If a moderate

goverenment were overthrown because it had the courage to

turn in the direction peace,

imagine the consequences for the future," President Reagan

Administration officials in-

ment control.

King Husain of Jordan flew into London for talks on Lebanon with Mrs Margaret Thatcher at Downing Street last night. Their dicussions, which Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, included an account by the King of his meeting with President Reagan in Washington earlier this week. Lebanon and the future of its

government were also high on the agenda of talks which Sir Geoffrey had with Mr Chedi Klibi. Secretary-General of the Arab League, earlier in the day. Mt Klibi, who will call on Mrs Thatcher today, is paying a visit which should have taken place last November

15,000 flee across the Awali to safety

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv

Mr Peiris, who began his career as curate at St Francis of Lebanese to the Israeli-occupied Assisi in Welwyn Garden City, sector of their embattled counmade the sign of the cross and try continued yesterday for the third day. Reports from Sidon case in the hands of God." Mrs Ingram also said she was said the fugitives began coming late on Tuesday afternnoon after Druze forces had reached the Damour area south of 12 hurt in US

By midday yesterday they numbered 15,000. They in-cluded about 500 soldiers in the camouflaged uniforms of the Fourth Brigade of the regular Lebanese Army.

The Israelis kept the check-point at the Awali river open around the clock to receive the refugees.

Civilian families arriving in hundreds of cars but with practically no luggage were permitted to drive through freely. The soldiers, unshaven and hungry, were disarmed at the approach by Phalangist militiamen and later searched by Israeli soldiers. They arrived on foot, hitchhiked or drove in stolen cars.

soldiers appeared deeply ashamed and for the most part refused to talk of their experiences, but it seemed there had been no battle to speak of. Some attribted their debacle to a breakdown in communications with higher echelons.

tians, were taken in by relatives and the Israelis arranged accommodation for the others in schools and public buildings. Warm food and blankets were provided.

mand here confirmed yesterday that Israeli forces were keeping up their patrols norht of the Awali river line to make sure Palestinian guerrillas do not return ato areas purged in the 1982 invasion and evacuated by the Israelis last year. A patrol yesterday reached

eight miles north of the Israeli line. This followed reports that Palestinina guerrillas has been among the Shia and Druze forces operating in the area.

Vicar to die for 🖰 wife's murder Colombo - The Rev Matthew Peiris, aged 65, Vicar of the fashionable Anglican Church of St Paul's in Colombo, and a former secretary, 37-year-old Mrs Dalrene Imgram, have been sentenced to death for the murder of their

Canberra

defends

kangaroo

killing

Meibourne - Mr Barry Cohen, Australia's Minister for

the Environment, has attacked

Britain and the US for opposing

Australia's culling of kangaroos

(Tony Duboudin writes). Their

stand was hypocritical and ill-

The number of kangaroos

which can be killed this year has

been reduced by one million to

about two million because of

the effects of last year's drought,

Attacking some conservation groups, particularly in Britain and the US, Mr Cohen said they

gave the impression "that we are a bunch of bloodthirsty

animals going around biting the

heads off kangaroos". He accused them of being "dis-

honest, deceitful and in some

said: "I am innocent, I place my

Las Vegas (Reuter) - At least

12 workers were injured, one critically, when the earth collapsed after a nuclear blast at a

US underground test site in the

There was no escape of

radiation and the workers were

not exposed to radiation,

Department of Energy official

said. The injuries were believed to be mostly fractures and

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informed, he said.

Mr Coben said.

married partners.

Reporters in Sidon said the

The civilians, mostly Chris-

Meanwhile, the Army com-

Ras el Saadit, close to the Damour river bridge about



new Blake Edwards film "Curse

Rabat (AP) - More than 120

leftist students and university lecturers went on trial in Rabat Sale and Khourigba, charged with inciting food riots that disrupted Moroccan cities last

Lima blackout

Lima (AP) - Sendero Luminoso guerrillas blew up tirce electricity pylons, blacking out parts of Lima for the fourth time in 18 months. They also attacked a water plant outside the capital.

Nile shooting

Khartum (Reuter) - Fifteen people were injured when gunmen attacked four barges under tow by a Nile steamer carrying 180 people in southern Sudan, the state-owned news-paper Al-Ayam said.

Miners trapped

Glesenkirchen, West Ger-many (AP) - Rescuers pulled five trapped miners from 2 collapsed shaft in a coal mine in this Ruhr industrial city. Five other miners are missing University shut

Lusaka (AP) - The Zambian

Government closed the University of Zambia indefinitely and expelled nearly 3,000 students damaged cars and injured Fleet reinforced

Singapore, - The Soviet Navy

has reinforced its Pacific flee with the Kiev-class aircraft carrier. Novorossiysk which has passed through the Singapore

Lorry blockade Lyons (AP) - Alpine high-

ways from France to Italy were blocked by lorry drivers yesterday, leaving thousands of vehicles stranded on both sides of the border. The blockade by French drivers was a protest at a strike by French and Italian

Koscielne, a village about 65 milles west of Warsaw. Hunger strike: Thirteen jailed Solidarity activists have gone on hunger strike, the fourth such protest now going According to church sources, the primate ordered the transfer to protect the priest from on in Poland (Reuter reports). Agca 'told Pope of plot'

priest out of Warsaw

From Our Correspondent, Warsaw

Cardinal Jozef Glemp, Pri- further questioning by the mate of Poland, confirmed that authorities about his links with

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara The Turkish terrorist Mehsound the conversation was

met Ali Agca, serving a life sentence in Rome for attempting to kill the pope in May, 1981, gave the Pope full details of the plot when the two met in Agea's cell on December 27 last year, the Turkish Daily Hurriyet claimed yesterday.

Publishing a transcript of the filmed conversation, the paper said it got hold of the film, of which the only two copies were kept in the state archives of Italy and the Vatican, through a mysterious Italian who contacted its Rome correspondent a month after the meeting.

deaf and dumb, Hurriyet said. However, a crucial two-minute sequence had been clipped from the film recording Mr Agea's answer to the Pope's question who was the one that wanted me destroyed? Who sent you to St Peter's Square?"

deciphered by lip-reading ex-perts from Rome's school for

In an earlier sequence, the Pope remarked "I believe what you have told me so far, but how did you do it? I want to know for myself". Agea's answer was lost because his lips were behind the Pope's ear during the whispered conver-

From Michael Binyon, Bonn considerable, and some 15,000 the floating duty-free shops off the German people are said to be employed

thousands stock up with cheap drink, cigarettes, perfume and of course batter, will soon have to dock. The European Court in Laxemburg has ruled that they are illegal and contrary to the rules of the European Commanity. The court said that the ships

do not actually go anywhere. They simply craise up and down the North Sea and Baltic coasts while the passengers fill their shopping bags. They therefore were only symboli-cally going outside the tariff

Butterships in the dock

Airport welcome: Dr Castro is greeted by Señor Felipe

González at Madrid. Later, he and Señor Daniel Ortega, the

Nicaraguan leader, had lunch with the Prime Minister,

by the business, bringing great profits to Schleswig-Holstein. But even Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, former Prime Minister of Schleswig-Holstein and now Minister of Finance, cannot see any further loophole

If the ships were forced to drop anchor in port in another country, the resulting extra costs would outweigh the profits from duty free sales. There are no firm statistics. but the loss in tax revenue to

the German Treasury is said to amount to DM250m (£64m) a year. Shops along the North Sea coast are said to suffer

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There were reports vesterday in Moscow that Mr Andrei Gromyko or Marshal Dmilry Ustinov might become Soviet President instead of Mr Konstantin Chernenko.

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Mr Cherneko, aged 72, was slected party leader by the Central Committee on Monday. but the post of President remains vacant. Like Mr Brezhnev before him. Mr Chernen-ko's chances of becoming head of state as well as party leader would depend on his political effectiveness over the next few

The head of state is formally elected by the Supreme Soviet, and is chairman of its presidium. Elections to a new Supreme Soviet will convene tater in March, possibly pre-ceded by a Central Committee Picnum.

Mr Andropov became Soviet President last June, after eight months in power, but it took Mr Brezhnev 13 years to combine the two posts. Mr Brezlinev initially ruled as part of a collective leadership, and there was speculation this week that Mr Chernenko might revert to the same pattern.

Mr Chenenko is the oldest man to become party leader, and although he received foreign leaders as the Kremlin's top man this week there are doubts about both his health and his political strength. His rise was resisted in the Politburo by younger leaders such as Mr Michail Gorbachov, aged 52, and Mr Grigoriy Romanov, aged 61. Both were shown by Soviet television in prominent positions next to Mr Chernenko during the lying in state and funeral ceremonies for Mr Andropov on Tuesday, suggest-ing that Mr Gorbachov is the heir apparent.

It was said yesterday that as an apparent sign of his informal staus as number two, Mr Gorbachov had made a speech at Monday's Central Committee meeting which elected Mr Chernenko, although the text of Mr Gorbachov's remarks has not yet been released.

It was being said that since the younger generation was still biding its time, the presidency might go to Marshal Ustinov. the 75-year-old Defence Minisicr, or the Foreign Minister. 74ear-old Mr Gromyko, Marshal Ustinov would be replaced as Defence Minister by Marshal Nikolai, Ogarkov, the chief of staff, who came to public prominence last autumn after the Korean airliner disaster.

ter since 1957, could relinquish the post to his deputy, Mr Georgy Kornienko. -Mr. Vasily Kuznetsov, the

US hopes

for useful

dialogue

From Mohsin Ali Washington

that the new Soviet leadership is

making an effort to play down

rhetoric and to explore ways to

promote a more useful dialogue.

on Wednesday since the death

of Mr Andropov, the president

said that the atmosphere was

positive during Tuesday's meet-

ing between Vice President George Bush and Mr Konstan-in Chernenko, the new Soviet

leader, at Mr Andropov's

"Although Secretary Cher-nenko did not depart from standard Soviet positions, he

did appear ready to put our

relationship on a more con-structive basis. President Reagan said in remarks pre-

pared for a fund-raising event

of his Republican Party.

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for women political candidates

"If the new leadership de-

cides to join us in a good faith

effort we can accomplish much

together". Mr Reagan said.

There was no better time to

start than right now. If he

to the many problems that divide them and to reach fair

He said that Mr Bush had

emphasized to Mr Chernenko

had also made clear Washing-

ton's concern about issues such

as human rights, and regional

be interested in a "substantive"

summit.

arms-reduction agreements.

funeral in Moscow.

In his first public appearance

President Reagan believes

hints at revival of détente From Our Own Correspondent As the last trickle of world vice-president, is the acting

was very well known and the

subject of much Moscow gossip.
The first occasion for Mrs

Chernenko to appear - as-

suming such a person exists -would be the ball for Moscow

diplomatic wives on Inter-national Women's Day on March 7, an occasion presided

over by Mrs Gromyko last year

in place of the invisible Mrs

ing factory would stand in the late Mr Andropov's constitu-

ency in the Supreme Soviet

election on March 4. Mr

Andropov had been nominated

for the Proletarsky district of

Moscow, and the Soviet media

staged a massive campaign as

he lay dying designed to give the

impression that he was alive

and well and a viable candidate.

even issuing statements in his

• BUCHAREST: in an un-

usually effusive message. Presi-

dent Nicolae Ceausescu of

Romania cabled cordial con-

gratulations and "warmest wishes of success" to Mr

Chernenko, much health and

happiness ... and success in

carrying out your mission of high responsibility", the tele-

gram said. It also expressed the

conviction that bilateral friend-

that Mr Chemenko, who from

1948 to 1956 headed the

Communist Party's propaganda

section in Soviet Moldavia,

bordering north-eastern Roma-

nia, had been Bucharest's

favourite to succeed Mr Brezh-

Andropov relations between the

two Warsaw Pact allies had

cooled. Western diplomats said.

only Soviet block service not to

provide live coverage of Mr

Andropov's funeral.

Romanian television was the

Soviet Moldavia, formerly

19-10, when it

Bessarabia, belonged to Roma-

countries for the past 200 years.

Under the leadership of Mr.

nev in 1982.

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Romanian sources disclosed

ship would develop in future.

"I wish you, dear Comrade

Warm greetings

from Ceausescu

Chernenko (AP reports).

The Soviet press announced yesterday that a woman machine minder in a ball-bear-

Andropov.

name.

leaders left Moscow yesterday, diplomats summed up Mr Chernenko's meetings this week by saying he had signalled a return to detente with the West while leaving China out in the cold and the signal are the signal of the signal head of state, but he is 83. Ordinary Russians are waiting to see if the Chernenko family will now come to the fore. Mr Andropov kept his family in the backgroung, and showing no interest in an initiative on Afghanistan. until this week it was not even known if his wife was alive. The Mr Chernenko saw Vice-Brezhnev family, by contrast,

President Bush, Mrs Thatcher, Chancellor Kohl of West Germany and M Pierre Mouroy, the Prime Minister of France as well as Mr Pierre Trudeau, Prime Minister of He struck them all as a

direct and practical man who avoided reference to past recriminations. Mr Trudeau said before leaving Moscow that the "megaphones had been lowered". Mr Chernenko had made only two conditions for resumption of East-West talks: they should be "as between equals", and they must not amount to "dialogue for the

Mr Chernenko made no overtures to China however, in contrast to Mr Andropov, who at Brezhuev's funeral in 1982 made a point of giving a warm welcome to Mr Huang Hua, the then Chinese Foreign Minister. Mr Chernenko did not receive Mr Wan Li. the Chinese Deputy Prime Minister, who was the most senior Chinese official to come to Moscow since the early 1960s.

Mr Wan saw Mr Geidar Aliyev, who is a Polithuro member and Deputy Prime Minister. Mr Wan deliberately referred to Mr Andropov's known desire for an improvement in Sino-Soviet relations, but Mr Aliyev merely observed that Moscow was "invariably" in favour of improvement. Mr Wan said be hoped the obstacles between Moscow and Peking - the large Soviet armed presence on China's border, Kremlin backing for Vietnamese control of Kampu-chea, and the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan - could be overcome in consultations. The next round is due in Moscow next month, but Russia is suspicious of Peking's recent amity with the United States.

Mr Chernenko ignored the opportunity for progress towards a political settlement in Afghanistan and turned down a request by President Zla of Pakistan for a private meeting. In 1982 Mr Andropov warmly greeted President Zia and spurned President Babrak Karmal, the Soviet-installed Afghan leader.

Mr Chernenko by contrast annexed by Moscow. The did not even respond to province has been a bone of President Zia's approach while contention between the two holding a long talk with Mr

Lawyer's plea for Orlov

London

By Our Foreign Staff

British lawyer who has taken up the case of Dr Yuri Orlov. appealed to the new leadership in Moscow yesterday to release the Soviet phycisist.

Dr Orlov, a former leader of the Moscow group monitoring Soviet observance of the Helsinki Accords, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment and five years internal exile for antistate activities in 1978. Mr Macdonald said that he had

Mr John Macdonald, QC, the now been released from prison bt had been sent immediately into internal exile in the Yakutsk region - one of the harshest in Siberia.

"I know that the decision was taken on February 6 before Mr Andropov died. I ask the new general secretary (Mr Chemenko) to make a gesture to wards the scientific community "I invite Professor Orlov and

his wife Irina to stay with me in



Full circle: Brooke Knapp waving to fans in Washington yesterday after breaking the record for circling the world in a business-class jet. Her flight of 44 hours, 32 minutes and 53 seconds was to raise money for children.

Britain wants extra session on rebate

From Ian Murray, Strasbourg

EEC budget rebate from the package which stands any clutches of the European Partia- chance of being agreed ment. Britain is poised to force reluctant MEPs to hold special session at the beginning of next Officials relieve, there will

complete all the necessary and negotiations formalities to release the money before the deadline of March 31 set by Mrs. carry out her threat and withhold payment of some of Britain's contributions.

Britain's net payment is around £100m-a' month. The EEC is now so desperately short. of money that any block would speed up dramatically its slide into bankruptcy.

mood to negotiate the long term Brussels summit on March 19. Failure there will mean the Community will run ou of money by late sumer. The Commission estimates that at present spending levels the EEC will need up to £1,000m more this year than is actually available.

The Commission axe is most likely to fall on regional and social fund spending. Even if good progress is made at the March summit there is no way in which resources can be increased until 1986 by then all Community policies, including agriculture, will be feeling a very sharp pinch.

Foreign ministers from the member states meet informally neither side car at St Cloud outside Paris this give way easily.

In a bid to free its £457m weekend to try to prepare a Apart from a new Commi-sion paper on budgetary disci-

pline, there will be no agenda. Britain hopes the financial crisis will make the other countries simply not be enough time to face unpalatable facts. There does seem to be growing support for French proposals on controlling spending. But Britain's blocked rebate

Thatcher is more than likely to and the looming constitutional problem require the most urgent action, so Sir Geoffrey Howe. the Foreign Secretary, will be trying this weekend to force Parliament to free the money.

The rebate was promised Mrs Thatcher during the June summit last year. It was frozen Under such a threat EEC by Parliament in December so leaders are unlikely to be in a that it could check carefully that all the money was to be properly spent

This week, however, the budget committee failed to agree on the detailed proposals submitted by Britain. It wants Britain to pay a larger pro-portion of the projects than is being suggested, and it insists that the projects involved must have been started last year. Unless there is another

session, Parliament will not get a chance to vote on the issue before March 12. There would than have to be difficult negotiations with the Council of Ministers on how the money should be classified - a complex argument in which so many principles are at stake that neither side can be expected to

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From Michael Binyon

The Kiessling affair appears

Defence Minister,

to be virtually over. After Herr Manfred Worner, the West

admitted on Tuesday to a

gathering of senior Army officers in Travemunde that he

had made a mistake in dismis-

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Nevertheless, there was some sharp criticism of Herr Worner

at the meeting, and common-

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Jesse Jackson's campaign

Third World stance embarrasses rivals

From Nicholas Ashford Washington The Reverend Jesse Jackson

likes to portray himself as the champion of the oppressed, both in the United States and around the world. The domestic policies which

around the country trying to put together a "rainbow co-alition" to support his most alition" to support his presi-dential challenge are aimed very much at blacks, Hispanics and other minorities who have yet to acquire their share of the American dream. His foreign policies are unashamedly di-rected at the Third World. "I grew up in an occupied he told an audience in

Boston the other day, referring

to his birthplace in Greenville, South Carolina, "I had to

negotiate with the colonial power for the right to vote, for open housing, for equal pay. We had to negotiate the end of apartheid here in this country. This portraval of American blacks struggling for their rights against white oppressors just as blacks in Africa fought for their independence from European colonialists goes down well with the predominantly black crowds which turn out to hear him. In Boston, as during other speeches he makes along the campaign trail, they frequently interrup-

ted with applause and shouts of "yeah", and "right". Whether his articulate and emotional advocacy of minority rights will win him many votes outside the black and Hispanic communities remains to be seen. But his insistence on emphasizing the "Third World" aspect of foreign policy has introduced a novel – and at times divisive - element into the Democratic Party's appreach to international affairs, particularly on the Middle

The Democrats, more than the Republicans, have long been known for their support of Israel. As a result a majority of the nation's six million Jews has traditionally supported the

East.

Democratic Party and lavishly supplied it with campaign Yet in Mr Jackson the party now has a presidential candi-date who not only publicly

embraced Mr Yasser Arafat,



Jackson: spoken views

Liberation Organisation, five years ago but who calls for the creation of a Palestinian meland in the Middle East. All the other key candidates are strongly pro-Israel.

Many Jewish Democrats have been offended by what they perceive to be Mr Jackson's pro-Arab stance, particularly since he successfully negotiated the release of Lieutenant Robert Goodman, a US flier, from Syria last

They have fought to discredit Mr Jackson for allowing Operation Push, a Chicagobased civil rights organization of which he is president, to accept \$200,000 from the Arab League. Mr Jackson says be has also received death threats from Jewish extremists.

Mr Jackson shows no signs of remorse for voicing views which few white political figures would care - or dare - to express. Defending the Arab League contributions, he points out that the influence of Arab nations on American political life is tiny compared with that of the Jewish lobby ... besides, Operation Push is a charitable and not a political concern, he

In his speeches Mr Jackson never fails to condemn the Reagan Administration's pro-South African bias and likes to embarrass his rivals by calling on them publicly to advocate a policy of trade sanctions and disinvestment if they become president.

One effect of Mr Jackson's involvement in the Presidential race has been to make his seven rivals rethink their position on foreign issues. As a result they have become less euroceutric in their approach and pay more attention to Third World

US election guide

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Neutral Austria: Part 2, the military

Air defences limited by lack of funds

Austria's reestablishment as an independent republic in 1955 also saw its "permanent neutrality" defined by military restrictions. Dr Bruno Kreisky, the former Chancellor saw neutrality as best defended by basing international grannica. basing international organiza-tions in Vienna. His successors, the Socialist-Liberal Coalition. are looking at more conven tional safeguards. In the final article on Austrian neutrality. Richard Bassett, Vienna Correspondent, examines its effect on Austria's defence.

Soviet Government wanted peace, then there would be According to the Federal Constitutional Law of 1955, Austria cannot join any military A month ago, the President alliance, nor permit the establishment of foreign bases on its territory. By article 5 of called for a constructive work-ing relationship between the two superpowers and on the The Hague Convention, Austria is obliged, furthermore, to prevent its territory or air space Soviet Union to return to the Geneva arms control negoon Wednesday he said again; that the US had always been willing to meet the Soviet Union halfway to find solutions. from being used by any belligerent nation and for this reason alone has to maintain

'adequate military forces". Defence strength is an important factor in assuring respect for neutrality and deterring potential aggressors, says Dr Friedhelm Frischenschlager, a Liberal who, since the formation last May of a Socialist-Liberal coalition America's desire for greater mutual understanding and genuine cooperation. Mr Bush Government, has been Austria's Minister for Defence. In an emergency, Dr Frischenschläger is confident that 300,000 men could be mobilized to defend

conflicts.
The President has rejected Austria's 1,864-mile frontier. the idea of an early "get-ac-quainted" summit with Mr Chernenko, but he reempha-sized on Tucsday that he would In theory. Austria's comprehensive national defence plan looks quite impressive for a country with only 7.5 million inhabitants. Organized on a conscript militia basis. Austrian forces familiar with the local TOKYO: Japan and the terrain would wage relentless Soviet Union are to meet here guerrilla warfare on any agon March 12 and 13 (AP



Dr Frischenschlager: No request for bigger budget.

But, while parts of Austria cold prove as defensible as the hills of Afghanistan, its eastern frontier, as the Turks well knew 300 years ago, offers the invader every strategic advantage. In addition, despite all the area defence plans produced by

the country's enormous corps of colonels, the Austrians' attitude to defence is rather Ruritanian. Last October its expensive early warning system in the Carinthian Alps broke down. It was reported to have remained inactive for 48 hours because, it was a weekend, no one who could authorize repairs among the General Staff was able to be alcried.

Manocuvres held two winters ago in Western Tyrol were considered equally uninspiring. Although for the sake of Austria's neutrality the attacking army was not named, the aggressors' thrust was clearly coming from a Nato country. Perhaps for this reason, the defending army took a rather to be seen favouring either relaxed view of their enemy and the complete air superiority written into their forces.

For, to the amazement of den. several Western defence at-taches inspecting the defenders' positions, tanks and even a origade headquarters were left exposed for hours in the middle of open fields or some comfort-

able gasthaus.

"We can only hope", said one
Western observer. "that if the
Austrians faces a real attack from the east, they'd get their act a little more together". Warsaw Pact manoeuvres in

Czechoslovakia last week showed that the Austrian High Command has no grounds for complacency. But, for many of the Austrian General Staff, some of whom saw action with the German Wehrmacht on the Russian front, the entire plausibility of Austria's defence is considerably dented by the absence of suitable interceptors to patrol the air-space. At the moment, Austria relies

on 32 Saab 105 jets, which were considered obsolete in most European air forces by 1960. It has no ground to air missiles as these are expressly forbidden in the 1955 State Treaty. The same clause prohibiting the use of self-propelled or guided missiles ... or apparatus connected with their discharge or control would also seem to rule out air to air missiles, although Dr Frieschenshläger and his party chief, Herr Norbert Steger, both insist this is merely a question

By the end of the year, the Defence Minister insists, Austria will have its new interceptors. These may be British Jaeuars or American aircraft but cost and Austria's wish not

of interpretation.

Eventually, it may even be

possible for the Austrian arms industry, which has already produced inpressive rifles and tanks, to develop its own interceptors.
But for all Dr Frischenschläg-

er's optimism, the conservative People's Party Opposition as well as several military experts are sceptical that the Govern-ment will find sufficient funds to buy the interceptors this year.

Years of Socialist Government with little time for defence budgets, have whittled away expenditure to a mere 3.46 per cent of the state budget. With Dr Kreisky's resignation last April and the Liberals entry to the Government hopes were raised that the old Socialist philosophy of protecting Austria's neutrality by setting up international headquarters in Vicana would be revised. But Dr Frischenschläger so far has not asked for more funds.

Moreover, within months of taking office, the Defence Minister astonished his staff, and many of his party, by allowing the Army to have a day off to attend peace demonstrations in Vienna. Dr Frischenschlager is quick

to defend his decision, pointing out that one of the most useful achievements of post-war Austrian history has been the successful integration of the Army into the population. The absence of this 50 years ago this week resulted in near civil war. as the Army bombarded Austrian workers in the Socialist

housing estats of Vienna.

BOB FOSSE congratulates ARTURO BRACHETTI the star of 'Y'



Photo: Alan Davids "The show is glossy dazzling showbiz at its very best. Arturo Brachetti is remarkable," said the creator of "Cabaret" with Liza Minnelli after seeing the Musical Cabaret 'Y' at the Piccadilly Theatre.

cele Now there is new compethe ion up the road at New Prit dler's Wells Opera, this uience is still, and "utterly mammately" very much on mettle. John Stoddart's signs, originally exhibited in 169 at the National Portrait allery alongside George Du

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Each inflexion, each colour foll hange, from pastel to primary, over reflected in the pit by Victor sev forris's astute direction. Rumbustious here, melancholic op here, it always moves with just of he springy, catlike tread reis a juired by this score.

du If the production itself has bri iged well, then so have its No stroud seems to have shed He years, even, vocally and physiho cally, in the everlasting bloom de of his Bunthorne. His "Sing for heigh to you" duet with Lady ga Jane is a masterpiece o aft understatement, as fresh in its



Derek Hammond-Stroud: everlasting bloom

wit and dexterity as if Hinge and Bracket had never been Lady Jane herself is amply embodied once more by Anne Collins, delicious in her uncrushable dignity, and a splendid warning to all those tempted to adverbial prodi-

At the centre stands ENO's first Welsh Patience: Patricia O'Neill, taking the role for the first time, brings to it just enough coyness not to cloy, and an inflexion ("I yearn my living") that could have been written into the part. Shelagh Squires returns as Lady Saphir. while the remaining rapturous maidens add to the evening's

Jane Eaglen, who has just joined the company, is clearly far more than the tinkling cymbal she flourishes as Lady Ella: we look forward to hearing more, and in different guise, of her distinctively resonant so-prano. Sally Burgess's urbane Lady Angela provides a pleasing foil, as does Christopher Booth-Jones's Grosvenor to Bun-thorne: He, too, makes his debut in the role here, and presents a portrait of fourteenth-century frenzy" which is as nicely poised between the distant and the immediate as

Cinema

Sense of tragedy survives all the inconsistencies

Star 80 (18) Gate Bloomsbury; Classic Haymarket

Strange Invaders (PG)

Studio Oxford Circus Curse of the Pink

Panther (PG)

Plaza

Star 80 confirms Bob Fosse's fascination with the morbid and mortal dark side of fame, already evident in Lenny and All That Jazz. It is a dramatization of the true story of Dorothy Stratten, a naive and beautiful youngster who went from Canada to California; became briefly star in Hugh Hefner's Playboy galaxy; made a few forgettable films before she met Peter Bogdanovich and played in his Let Them Laugh; tumbled into romantic involvement with Bogdanovich; and was murdered by her jealous husband-manager, who took his own life at the same time. The case has evidently a strong

fascination. Since the tragedy, in 1980, Teresa Carpenter has won the Pulitzer Prize with her Village Voice article "Death of a Playmate", on which Fosse's own script is "in part" based; there has been a television feature film Death of a Centerfold: the Dorothy Stratten Story; and Peter Bogdanovich is on the point of publishing his own account of the

As Fosse'sees the story, Paul Snider is a small-time pimp and hustler who sees his big break in Dorothy. His push launches her, but the first step up the ladder already takes her out of his class. Incorrigibly cheap and gaudy, he is despised by the smooth Playboy lot; and even the artless and good-natured Dorothy quickly recognises that he has become a liability. Her success meanwhile sharpens his own sense of failure in everything he does, whether organizing male strip-shows or marketing dubious orthopaedic goods.

Probably Fosse himself feared that this story of Boy Meets Girl, Girl Leaves Boy, Boy Slays Girl was rather thin for a dramatic film. The solution

Concerts

We shall have opportunities

to reconsider Gloriana at the



Pushy yet pitiful: Eric Roberts as Paul Snider questions a Playboy Bunny (Tina Willson) about the activities of his wife in Star 80

he attempts is to elaborate it with the somewhat démodé "mosaic" (or, rather, crazy-quilt) structure, cutting backwards and forwards between not-very-enigmatic flashes of the murder, post facto interviews with the survivors of the story, and the progression of the doomed romance. The method has two major disadvantages. It effectively removes suspense, since we know from the start the outcome. This sort of fragmentation, and the flashy cutting entailed, make it hard to explore the characters very deeply. Depth, though, is not much in Fosse's style. His interest is in

The externals are, of course, glittery and catching. The director of photography is Sven Nykist, who has caught the bright colour and light and look of *Playboy* glamour. The metamorphosis of Dorothy {Mariel Hemingway) from a lively high-school girl to a sultry and provocative centrefold is fascinatingly detailed. So is all the depressing, aseptic, confected sensuality of the Hefner world, peopled by fluffy pink girls and men with blue-rinsed hair and gold chains. Mariel Hemingway's performance is touching, and intimates that it may be because there is no evident real father in her life (we see only her protective, bewildered mother, nicely played by Carroll Baker) that she is so dependent on a dangerous succession of strong-willed men - Suider, Hefner and Bogdanovich (Bogdanovich is the only character who is not given his real-life name: the casting of an English actor. Roger Rees and the change of name suggests an unavail-ing effort to disclaim the identifi-

More remarkable is the performance of Eric Roberts as Snider. This is only Roberts's third film appearance in six years, which is all the stranger since his playing in both King of the Gypsies and Raggedy Man was outstanding. In Star 80 he is cast against his own ordinarily fresh and sympathetic type, and has to overcome the inherent inconsistencies and unsubtleties of the script. His Snider

is cheap, violent, unprincipled, pushy and repellently dressed, even when he drops the pimp style for the Playboy. His innate violence appears early and nastily in the film when he playfully stabs a prom party dancer with a flickknife. Yet Roberts still manages to build such a sense of pity about this lonely, hopeless, out-of-his-depth punk that the climactic scene of slaughter and necrophilia touches on

The reassuring optimism of Stange Invaders makes it an exception among science-fiction films. We are accustomed to apocalyptic presentiments of doom. The message of this film is that nothing is as bad as it seems, even if the space people snatch your wives and children and the Government is in some sort of conspiracy with them. When all the special effects are done and the last false face has been juicily peeled off, the peace and order of Middle America are restored.

The script is not very coherent, but the film has two things in its favour.

of what the film raight have been when a man aged by ten years of worry is reunited with his wife and children who have stayed untouched by the intervening years. The other is the casting of Paul LeMat, the leading man from Jonathan Demme's Citi-zens' Band and Melvin and Howard LeMat is a chubby, amiable, anxions; untidy young man whose shirt is always tumbling out of trousers that seem themselves on the point of subsidence; and who has a way of impressing belief both in his wornes and his warmth. Strange Invaders was directed by Michael Laughlin, and

written by him in collaboration with William Condon.

Curse of the Pink Panther is further eeric attempt to keep inspect for Clouseau alive after the death of his creator, Peter Sellers. In last year's Trail of the Piak Panther a lot of old. Sellers footage was uncomfortably patched into a new story. Curse of the Pink Panther is more ingenious. In dispensing with the need to produce. Clouseau in person. The Sureté decide to put the best detective in the world on to the job of finding the inistaid inspector. but Clouseau's boss (Herbert Lom), fearful of the return of the his distressing subordinate, pro-grammes the computer to find the world's worst detective.

This produces New York's least wanted cop. Clifton Sleigh, played by Ted Wass, and clearly a try-out as permanent, successor to Seller's Clouseau. Wass is a comedian in the mould of Harold Lloyd, with the same horn-rimmed spectacles, college-boy earnestness and tendency to get shoved out of high windows. He even does bit of actual Lloyd business with a suit that has shrunk after a

dipping in a swimming pool.

Given the chance of the kind of ight gag that Blake Edwards does best (there is a fine moment with a high wind and an umbrella). Wass comes into his own. Like the film in general, however, he is handicapped most of the time by the script, which is wordy laboured and generally witless. Blake Edwards is clearly in need of a writer. As his own scenarist he is worst when

he is smuttest.
The appearances of a frail David
Niven, who has had to be provided
with a dubbed voice, and of Peter Arne,
who was subsequently murdered, add to the film's somewhat morbid, Burke-

David Robinson

DANIEL CATE SLOOMSBURY STAR'80'. @ A Film by CILLIAN ARMSTRONG STAR STRUCK CATE MAY FAIR

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Nothing is ever quite fixed in the world of music: even Mozart is changed for those lucky enough to have heard Murray Perahia's performance on Wednesday of the A major Piano Concerto, K488, stern in its total seriousness yet affec-tionate in its beauty. In the case of Britten, however, revision of attitudes is proving unusually rapid, and new merit is constantly being found in later works formerly judged prob-

discovering the life in two concert works that puzzled Britten's admirers in the early 1960s: the War Requiem, thought to be too popular to be intelligent, and the Cello Symphony, considered too intelli-

> Wallfisch so valiantly and successfully rescued in this third evening of the English Chamber Orchestra's valuable Mozart-Britten series.

gent to be viable.

Perhaps the work's difficulties for the listener stem from the centrality of the cello, which makes an uncharacteristic viewpoint into the texture of a Britten composition: one is much more used to hearing his music in terms of high voices and instruments. But the soloist's main worry, once he has tucked away all the virtuosity, must by that the almost continuous cello soliloquy is so much voiced for Rostropovich's musical person-

Mr Wallfisch got around this problem with his conscientiousness and honesty. He took on personal responsibility for the lense argument of the first movement, for the scherzo's dance and for the adagio's dark wanderings; he then basked with a touch of permissible pride in the glory of the concluding passacaglia.

Of course the Rostopovich mannerisms - the intense high trills, the large bowings - were still there: they are written into the score. But they were allusions, not caricatures, along a thorny path Mr Wallfisch was exploring for himself, albeit with encouraging support from the orchestra under Steuart

This orchestra's sympathetic response to Mr Perahia one now takes for granted, which is no bad thing if it allows one to concentrate on Mr Perahia. He began K488 by drawing from the strings a smooth legato he proved well able to match at the keyboard, in sounds of sweet melancholy softened by distance. The slow movement he brought forward, finding an initial eccentricity that his playing then accommodated, before a finale that did not falter

Paul Griffiths

LMP/Blech

Festival Hall

Coliseum next month and Owen Wingrare at Aldeburgh in June, as was reported here last week (Albert Herring still awaits its champion). Meanwhile per-Times have changed since the London Mozart Players, who in this concert celebrated their formances and recordings are thirty-fifth birthday, first enriched the capital's concert life with what were then comparatively stylish, small-scale performances of Haydn and Mozart. Even the tradition-bound English Chamber Orchestra has been perceptibly influenced by the Hogwoods and Harnoncourts. It was the latter that Raphael

But under the distinguished guiding hand of its director, Harry Blech, this ensemble has remained entrenched in its ways. Only in the seating of the orchestra (with first and second violins placed opposite each other) can any nod in the direction of authenticity be perceived. Now, though, some sort of revitalizing force is needed, and maybe Mr Blech himself has recognized that, for at the end of the season he relinquishes his post to Jane

But, for the time being, the relaxed tempos and blunt articulation remain, and no continuo instrument is allowed to encroach upon Mr Blech's hallowed ground. Fair enough perhaps in the full textures of Mozart's Symphony No 40, but a crucial mistake in Haydn's Symphony No 49 ("La Passione"), where there are obvious

gaps in the barmony.

More worrying than such matters was the generally insipid approach to the music. particularly in the Haydn. The wide leaps in the fast second movement, which heighten the pathos implicit in the diminished intervals of the minor scale, had virtually no impact. And, where its Sturm und Drang effects should have had you on the edge of your seat, the Menuetto simply plodded duti-fully. Nevertheless, full marks to the horns. Happily the outer played in the version without clarinets, had a greater sense of tension, but again the Andante Menuetto laboured.

The two concertos failed to lighten the burden of an arduous evening's listening Malcolm Messiter gave the first movement of Mozart's C major Oboe Concerto with an almost manic energy that had obviously spent itself by the finale. And Ernst Kovacic played a Haydn Violin Concerto in the same key with just the sort of lavish romanticism that it did

Stephen Pettitt

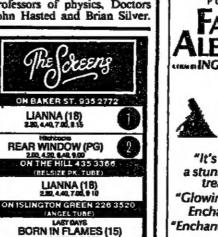
For a fairly short time in the Fifties, skiffle satisfied the longings of those with musical aspirations but no qualifications. If you could play three chords on a guitar, or afford a kazoo (it buzzed), or acquire a washing line, a tea chest and a broomstick, which together made a bass, you could join a group anywhere or even form one. Professional musicians, beached by the wave, would probably have said that it did not hurt to be tone-deaf, but the

young weren't listening.

This brief flowering of anything-goes-for-anybody was celebrated in BBC1's Forty Minutes, produced and directed by Alan Patient, last night. The arch-priest Lonnie Donegan, whose "Rock Island Line" made the top ten in 1956 and became a hit in America, too maybe in part because of their astonishment at hearing their own music sung back at them was on parade and other less well-known practitioners came

They included the Labour MP Stan Crowther and two professors of physics, Doctors John Hasted and Brian Silver.

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Television Three-chord trick jazzman, among them.

their horizons had expanded they could still strum away. Dr Silver reflected on the emergence of the guitar, then a comparatively rare instrument

Others went on to greater. musical achievement - John Lennon, in whose native Liverpool 300 skiffle groups, each with its coterie of devotees, competed for public attention

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Doncean's music inspired the more adventurous to go to ma-sources, and that section of the

British public discovered per-formers such as Big Bill-Broonzy, Huddie ("Leadbelly")

of a catalyst.

Jazz continued but rock, which Mr Donegan thought was really the result of a failure on the part of white boys to imitate black boys, successfully, came flooding in on an occase of sound by courtesy of a mass of electric wires. In a sense, skiffle was electrocuted. **Dennis Hackett** Ledbetter and Woody Guthrie. CINEMA

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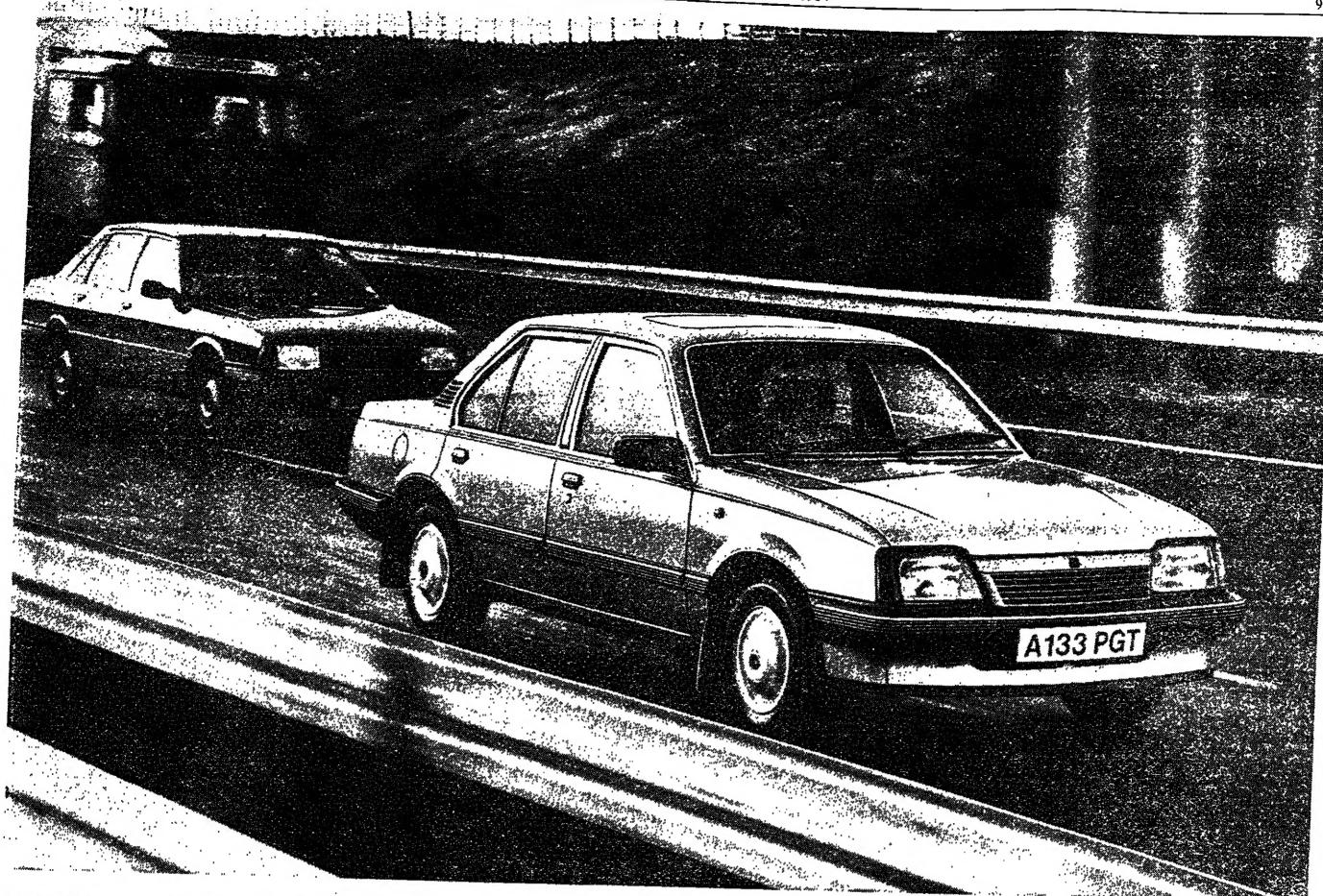
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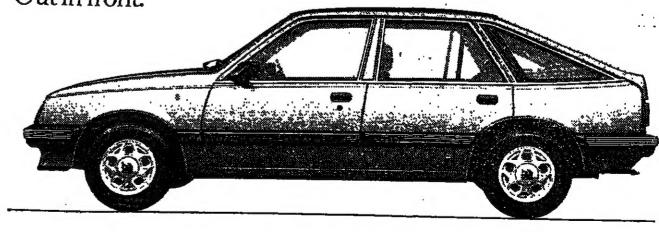
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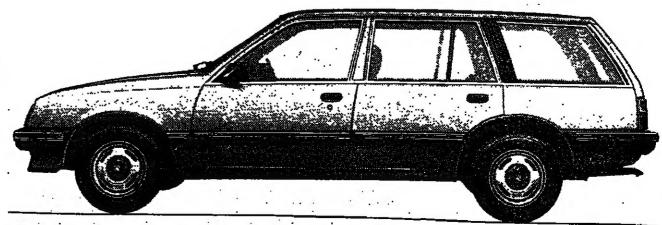
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the present generation and which will

be able to converse in non-technical

language. The prize is economic

Today's computers still follow the

relatively simple architecture invented

by John von Neumann for the

primitive vacuum-tube machines of

the 1940s. They have a central

memory and processing unit, which

performs calculations one by one. The

single link between memory and

processor has come to be known as the

the limit it places on the computer's

tures", with which researchers are

experimenting for the Fifth Gener-

ation, rely on some form of parallel processing. The processors and mem-

ories are decentralized, and the computer gains speed by carrying out

many different calculations at the same

time. The difficulty, of course, is to keep the operations synchronized and prevent the computer racing into chaos

One popular approach is "data

flow", invented by Jack Dennis at the

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

and espoused by John Gurd at

Manchester University, where a group

has built a small experimental data

flow computer. Another British team.

headed by John Darlington at Imperial

College, is working on a machine

called Alice, based on a variation of the

data flow would cope with a very

Described in words, the operations is:

Add 2 to 5, add 3 to 5, and multiply those two sums. Add 4 to 5 and

multiply by 5. Finally add together the

The traditional sequential method

In the data flow computer, the four

starting numbers (2,3,4 and 5) are sent

as independent "data packets" to the

"nodes" (processors) that do the

calculations as soon as the data arrive.

So three separate copies of 5,go to the different adding nodes, and a fourth

The three first-stage additions take

place simultaneously, and the results

are sent on to the two multiplying,

modes, which again work simul-

taneously and transmit their answers,

In this example, the data flow

calculations took place in three phases

rather than the six steps of the

consecutive method. In real problems,

hundreds of operations might be going

on simultaneously, saving an enor-

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for the final addition.

mous amount of time.

results of the two multiplications.

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required six consecutive steps:

The chart (above, right) shows how

when central control is removed.

von Neumann bottleneck" because of

The "non-von Neumann architec-

supremacy in the 1990s.

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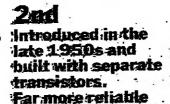
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3rd In the late 1960s, several electronic components were combined on a small silicon water or chip as an integrated circuit. Size and manufacturing costs fell



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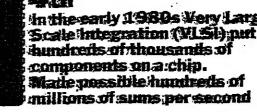
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4th in the early 1980s Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI) purt hundreds of thousands of components on a chip. Made possible hundreds of



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of ideas

project, but covers similar ground.

The programme (drawn up in 1982 by a government committee under John Alvey, technical director of British

human speech);

diagnosis; and

up an international project along similar lines, called Esprit (European Information Technology). Preliminary studies are taking place in all 10 member countries, but final approval for the full-scale £800m programme is being delayed by wrangling over the Community's overall budget.

Generation

Britain's answer to the Fifth Generation is the Alvey Programme, a fiveyear national research project to which the Government will contribute £290m and industry £150m. It is more modest in scope than the grantiose Japanese

Telecom) is concentrating on four key technologies:

Doltware engineering, to give designers of information systems a more efficient way to generate their computer programs;

The "man/machine" interface - in other words finding better ways for people to communicate with computers by touch, sight and voice (including machine recognition of continuous

lntelligent knowledge-based systems, giving computers a body of expert knowledge about a subject and a program to apply it, such as medical

Nery large scale integrated circuits (VISI), to create the next generation of extremely powerful microchips.

Meanwhile the EEC is trying to set Strategic Programme of Research of

For computer scientists in the United States, Japan's Fifth Generation project provided the best possible tool with which to extract more money for artificial intelligence (AI) and super-

Led by Professor Edward Feigen-

EXPERT SYSTEMS Machines that answer back

The first practical application of intelligence is in "expert systems". The computer programs enable machines to answer questions and solve problems in specialist fields, such as medicine and the use of knowledge and decision-making rules distilled from human experts.

Current expert systems can demonstrate their "intelligence" by explaining to users, when asked, the reasoning that led to a particular piece of advice. But the next generation will be intelligent in a more fundamental sense, having the ability to induce knowledge from examples or analogy; by learning in this way they should be able to outperform the human experts.

An example of the sort of system that should be feasible within 20 years is a writing aid to turn badly written English into perfect prose. Consider this semi-literate sentence:

THEIR WAS A MAT, AND IT WAS SAT ON BY A FAT CATT.

The first and easiest step is to check the spelling of each word against the computer's dictionary. It shows that Catt was misspelt. The computer then tries changing, removing, transposing and adding letters one at a time to produce a word that does exist in the

5th Arriving in the 1990s? New architectures and sofware will be capable of intelligent processing of knowledge, rather than earlier data processing

baum, Stanford University's Al mioneer, they have successfully portrayed the Japanese effort as a threat to the present American dominance of the worldwide computing industry and therefore to "national security".

As usual when federal research funds are required to keep America in the lead, the Pentagon is the prime source of grants. The Defense Anvanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is prepared to spend \$1,000m over the next five years, trace as much as DARPA's expenditure on advanced computing over the past 20

At the same time the giant American electronics companies are showing unprecedented willingness to cooperate on long-range research. Twelve companies have formed the Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation (MCC), a joint venture with an annual budget of \$75m a year and ledby Bobby Ray Imman, a respected retired admiral who previously can the National Security Agency, Another undertaking is the Semiconductor Research Corporation; it sponsors work on the advanced chips.

The Japanese Fifth Generation Computer project ation from the moment of its multicannouncement in 1981. It is a 19 year cooperative effort by the government and electronics industry to develop computers that process "knowledge and mimic human thought processes. The Institute for New Generation

Computer Technology (ICOT) in Tokyo, where the project is based, has 50 researchers chosen for their wanth as well as their brilliance; all except the director are under 35. But many more scientists and engineers are involved in the laboratories of the eight angior Japanese computer companies, and total expenditure may have exceeded £1,000m by 1991.

The blueprint for the Japanese Eifth Generation is based on ideas gathered mainly from American and European laboratories. Rut if they achieve even a fraction of their ambitions, no one in the 1990s will be able to criticize the Japanese for copying and perfecting rather than innovating.

dictionary. CAT and CART emerge as

To decide which, if either, is correct. the computer searches its vast memory, derived from experience of English prose. CAT appears much more likely and the machine adopts it as the right word but CART cannot be ruled out completely. So it now reads:

THEIR WAS A MAT. AND IT WAS SAT ON BY A FAT CAT.

Next the computer gives every word overall syntax. This shows up THEIR as another spelling mistake, since the sentence could not start with a possessive adjective followed by a verb. Again, the computer applies the experience stored in its memory and replaces their with THERE:

THERE WAS A MAT, AND IT WAS SAT ON BY A FAT CAT.

The remaining stages rely on stylistic rules - profer active to passive Noice, and make sentences as brief as possible without losing information. Processing information at a rate of billions of bits per second, the computer of the year 2004 quickly proceeds to

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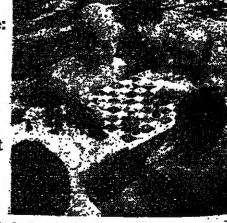
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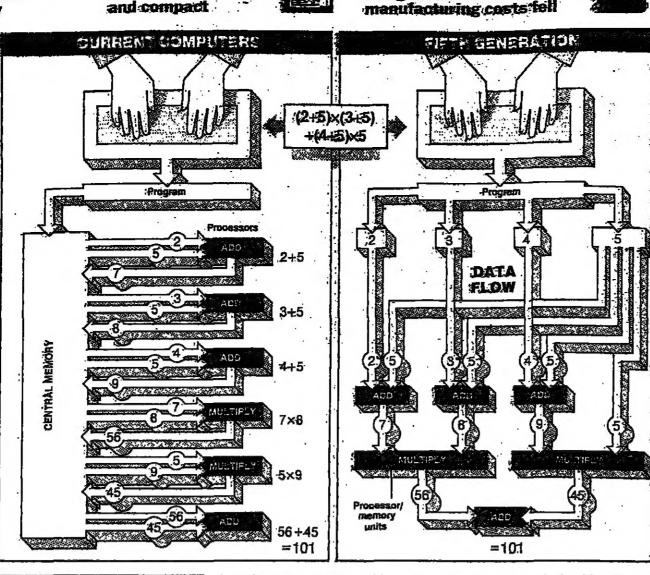
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CHIPS The alternative microchip

There is a complete contrast between the unchanging architecture of commercial computers and the astonishing pace of improvement in their most mportant components - from valves and transistors to today's microchips, which pack several hundred thousand transistors onto a wafer of silicon smaller than a fingernail.

Semiconductor researchers are pursuing various approaches to make sure that the rate of progress does not slacken. The most obvious is to cram more and more onto a conventional silicon chip by further miniaturization. The components on today's most sophisticated commercial chips are only two or three microns wide (a micron is one-thousandth of a millimetre or one-fiftieth the diameter of a human hair).

With new etching techniques (using far-ultraviolet. X-rays or electron peams) it may be possible in the 1990s to mass-produce chips with features measuring half-a-micron across, containing several million components although all the electrical activity on such a small area would produce a formidable problem for designers. Experimental alternatives to the

silicon chip are now emerging. ● Wafer-scale integration, in which the circuitry of many chips is combined on a much larger wafer of silicon, 10 centimetres across. That allows much faster communication

than between separate chips. But functions on a single chip. The best inevitable defects in such a large area of silicon make manufacture more

Three-dimensional chips, in which the circuitry is stacked up on several layers. But the manufacturing details of "high-rise" technology have not been worked out.

 Gallium arsenide (GaAs) as an alternative semiconductor to silicon. Electrons can move through CaAs five times faster than through silicon. GaAs is close to mass-production. Combining previously separate

to go 10 times faster than any conventional chip (up to 10 million instructions per second) but also makes the transputer an ideal buildingblock for decentralized Fifth Generation computers.

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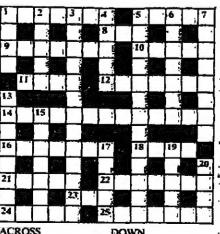
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Come back Temple Bar, all is forgiven

London or be allowed to remain in dampest Hertfordshire? As the controversy rages on. I am pleased to print

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Should Temple Bar be brought back to the best of the many letters I have received on the subject.

From Lord Bracket

Sir. There may not be many of your readers old enough, like me, to remember a time when Temple Bar was in Fleet Street. I often used to repair there after work for a quick drink or two before going home, and I can still remember the brilliant talk offered by such men as G. K. Chesterton, F. E. Smith, H. G. Wells and T. S. Eliot. One day Aldous Huxley tried to get in, but he was banned on the grounds that he had no initials. A. E. W. Mason was allowed in on sufferance, but we all felt that having three initials was a little nouveau riche.

I feel there is far too much use of first names these days - some people seem to have nothing but first names, like Clive James and Alan Brien.

yours etc

From Mr J. L. Simplon Sir. It seems fairly obvious to me that nobody wants the Temple Bar and that if it did not exist, there would be no need to invent it. In which case, there seem to be two options open to us. We can either sell it to a gullible American and have it re-erected at enormous cost in the Arizona desert, or destroy it entirely.

It so happens that I have developed new process which demolishes buildings into their component parts and leaves every brick unhurt and clearly numbered. This is so that when the inevitable protest comes from the sentimental British, the monument can speedily be re-erected at very little From Mr A. Gang extra cost. I look forward to hearing from the owners. yours etc.

Sir, We have got the Temple Bar. Unless you leave £2m in untraceable fivers under it, you will never see it again. yours:etc



Temple Bar: " £2m in untraceable fivers, or else. . . we are not kidding"

already crowded enough without

Temple Bar being brought back, I have

a revolutionary suggestion: why not take Fleet Street out to Hertfordshire?

The newspaper industry would be

much better suited to the back of

beyond, where the lorries with their

huge loads of what look like the

world's biggest lavatory tolls would

cause no traffic jams. While they are at

it, they could take away those tramps.

who gather in the shadow of the hot air

vents behind Bouveric Street. I suppose they are all ex-editors of the News of the World. yours etc

From Mr Duncan Pilger Sir. I have incontrovertible proof that in case of nuclear war, Temple Bar is to be used as a regional cause of traffic jams. It is well known that the Government will not let Loudoners leave the capital after the balloon goes up, and that all roads are to be blocked by half-demolished monuments. I need only cite Kensington Town Hall, etc. There is no way Temple Bar will be brought back to London, It is part of the Government's war plans, as my forthcoming Channel 4 series will help

Sir, We are not kidding. We have got From Mr A. Gang the Temple Bar. Let's see your money. mean business. yours etc

to-show. yours etc

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Sir. There's been a mistake. This We enclose a brick to show that we thing we have, it isn't Temple Bar. It's a disused shoe factory on the outskirts of Northampton. But the same threat From Mrs Mahonia Jackson holds good. Say £100. Well, £50. Sir. As someone who works in the Fleet Street area and knows that it is. yours

FRIDAY PAGE

Sybille Bedford's past is there for all to deduce in the pages of her novels, but Clare Colvin discovers that her present is altogether more of a closed book

Journeys in a vanished world

clearly have a strong autobiographical element, she prefers that her own life remains an enigma. Yet it has provided her with enough material to write three novels, crammed with detail about a cosmopolitan world of rich, restless people who spendmuch of their lives making train journeys to escape the consequences of their actions. It is a world that vanished some time between the wars, and it almost vanished in fiction too, but finally the novels are to be reissued - a case of "Bedford Revisited".

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She has been accused of indulging in nostalgia. Now, it seems, the wheel has come full circle.

"I can truthfully say I have never looked over my shoulder, and never looked at the market", she said when I met her. "I can write well only about something that has happened long ago. Sometimes you feel it is against the swim, but I think writers should write within their own range. If you are publicly accused of nostalgia, you find it very difficult not to be self-conscious. At the time I wrote A Legacy it seemed quite normal to be dealing with the 1370s and 1910.

In her youth, Sybille Bedford was shuttled back and forth across Germany, Italy, France and England is a series of family upheavals. She has now settled in a house in one of the prettiest parts of Cheisea, near the Embankment. As a connoisseur of. good food and wine - the meals in her books are lovingly described -she is delighted with the neighbourhood shops where fresh pasta and other unEnglish things can be bought. The flat, in contrast to the opulence portrayed in her books, is sparsely furnished.

Her conversation is a mixture of hesitancy and a rush of words. In her novels the characters talk in brief,

same brittle, though not unfriendly, style. She is hesitant about identifying the characters she writes about with herself or her family. I mentioned a paragraph in A Compass Error in which she dealt with the difficulty of writing. Mrs Bedford gently corrected me. That course, the character of

Flavia talking, not to be confused with herself, though she did indeed

find writing as hard as ever. "I really

shun work sometimes." The autobiographical clues are evident, though. In A Legacy, a South German baron sends the younger of his two sons to a military chool, the brutality of which causes. the boy to go mad. Years later, still mad but a captain, he is shot by a corporal. The ensuing scandal arising from the fact that a lunatic could be promoted in a crack Prussian regiment and draw full pay, rocks the Kaiser's government. Mrs Bedford is the daughter of a South German baron, and there had been a scandal when her father's brother was killed by a follow officer, though the circumstances were different. She left Germany in the 1920s, at the age of nine, after the death of her father, and did not

The atmosphere of the book was based on what I remembered, and on family stories. It is written with great loathing of Germany, but with restraint. I never did any research and, looking at it now, I am surprised where I plucked all the material from I do think that is the way a work of fiction should be written. Something swims up in one's subconscious. I am astonished by the things I know and do not know how. When my father died,

return until she reported on the Auschwitz trials in Frankfurt in the

had never happened - this German past. It stayed suspended in amber."

From Germany, the young Sybille was taken to Italy when her mother married an Italian. A Favourite of the Gods is about three generations of women - the American Anna who marries and Italian prince, her daughter Constanza, and Constan-za's own daughter Flavia. There is a great sense of loss in the book. Anna, dazzied by Italy when she marries the prince, ccannot adapt her North American puritanism to acceptance of her husband's infidelities, and she leaves the palazzo to live on her own after 20 years. The beautiful and intelligent Constanza is encouraged by her mother to make what turns out to be a disastrous marriage. Once "the favourite of the gods" she is rejected on all sides and retreats with Flavia to an isolated village in the south of France.

I suggested that the unfortunate marriage was the cause of Constanza's subsequent unhappiness, but Mrs Bedford felt that an outside agent could not be blamed. "We all ruin our own lives. . . I am sure we do. I set out to write about someone who is a 'favourite'. You have everything, good health, good looks, lively disposition, and then it goes wrong. I don't know what the answer is... you have to have something you are committed to."

Mrs Bedford's own mother was "a mixture of nationalities, partly Jewish - I cannot go into it, it is all too complicated". Together with Sybille's stepfather, they dissemi-nated anti-Mussolini literature in the late 1920s. Sybille used to take from family to family copies of the Statesman hidden under her pinafore, the theory being that if she were caught even Fascist Italians would not harm a child. Finally the



Sybille Bedford: "I can write well only about something that has happened long ago'

authorities hinted that her own family were becoming persona non grata and they retreated to settle in

It was in Provence, in the village of Sanary-sur-mer that Sybille came across writers, and began her own writing. There was clique of Germans, including Thomas Mann and Bertolt Brecht, "who thought they were gods and gave readings of work in progress. I became

children, but Thomas Mann was very pompous. I thought his brother, Heinrich, was a great writer and I loved his son, Klaus, who killed bimself after the war. Brian Howard used to come down in the summer. He was immensely amus-ing and witty - for for the first half of the evening. And then there was Aldous Huxley. I was such a fan of his as an adolescent that I insisted on being taken along to meet him." Her friendship with the Huxleys

her work, dealing with detailed facts was "a labour of love". It was, she said, like wearing chains all the time". She wrote factual books on law cases, such as the Dr Bodkin Adams trial. "He was an eccentric man, munching apples in the dock. He was patently innocent, but he turned the medical profession against him." She wrote *The Faces of Justice*, a report on law courts in England, France, Germany, Switzerland and Austria, and covered for newspapers the trial of Jack Ruby at Dallas, and the "Lady Chatterley" and Stephen Ward trials at the Old Bailey. Her interest in law stemmed from the age of 12 or 13, when a kindly policeman let her into the Courts of Justice. She wanted to become a barrister, but vagaries of the family fortunes intervened, and in any event, she was told, a woman's voice sounded silly in court. No one would ever take a women barrister seriously. Her third novel, A Compass Error, is set in a Provençal village called St Jean. Flavia, 17, left on her own by her mother, who is travelling

resulted many years later in her

writing a two-volume biography, published in 1973 and 1974. For a

novelist accustomed to inventing

with a lover, is taken up by a colony of artists and writers, and experiences her first love affair with the wife of an artist. This lesbian relationship is written about discreetly, but nevertheless it brings into the open what was only hinted at in the earlier books.

People can be in love in an entirely platonic way, regardless of age or sex", Mrs Bedford said, "It appens all the time. You often find it between very young men and older women. It is difficult to write about love between women unselfconsciously, but by the time the story was published in 1969 the climate of opinion had changed. In the 1950s the topic was almost unmentionable. In the theatre at that time, half the men were 'queer'. but if any of the women had the slightest inclination it was a great drawback for them. Now everybody is making too much of a fuss about it. I even heard the other day of a Richmond and Kingston-upon-

Thames Gay Society...
I am not very feminist, but 1 believe there should be equal laws and equal taxation for men and women, and there are enormous difficulties between the sexes. Anyway, I seem to have got my own way, which you can do if you never explain, never apologize and never shock people,"

A Favourite of the Gods and Compass Error were published by Virago this month. reappears in Fontana in May.

TALKBACK

The same of the sa

New code for caring From Kina, Lady Avebury, Centre

for Policy on Aging
Audrey Slaughter's gloomy article

about the boom in private residen-

tial homes for elderly people (Friday

Page, February 10) must hve given your readers the disturbing im-pression that private residential care is completely out of control and that elderly people enter such an establishment at their peril. It is the Centre's experience, based on five years intensive work with non-statu-tory residential care homes, that the private sector provides both the best and the worst standards of care, so older people in homes are not invariably being exploited for profit. More importantly, however, Miss Slaughter neglected to mention that new legislation and accompanying regulations are shortly to be introduced by the Government which will make it impossible for "beady-eyed businessmen" to open or operate a home without first being able to demonstrate their qualifications and aptitude for caring for dependent people. The legislation, moreover, will be backed by a code of practice which is being drawn up by an independent working party, sponsored by the Department of Health and Social Security, which will, for the first time, give social service departments

From T D Bamford, Chairman, British Association of Social

and the public a yardstick by which to measure a "good home".

Workers Audrey Slaughter's article about private residential homes for the elderly clearly describes some of the pitfalls facing people trying to secure high quality care for their elderly relatives. While the article notes the mushrooming growth of private residential care in recent years, it does not identify the substantial subsidy which the tax-payer is providing to private homes through social security payments.

Residents in private homes who are not sponsored by a local authority or health authority may be eligible to have the full charge for the home met by supplementary benefit. In November last year arrangements for determining the level of charges were changed. Social security will now meet the highest reasonable charge for suitable accommodation in the area.

At the same time as opening up the scope for private entrepreneurs to increase their profit-margins. without regard to the needs of elderly residents, the Government is reducing the resources available to services departments to maintain their own domiciliary and residential provision for the elderly.

The Department of Health and Social Security is schizophrenic in its approach. At a time of scarce resources cash is being available for one sector of residential provision through the benefits side of the DHSS while resources for public services are being ever more tightly constrained with the concur-rence of DHSS Ministers.

Model choice

From Roderigo Moynihan. Lausanne, Switzerland I must correct the assumptions in Deborah Moggach's article on the Monday Page of February 6, on my work as a portrait painter. I like to paint from a model. Who and what they are is of secondary importance. Some of my more interesting portraits have been of academics".

Patricia Clough interprets the silent language behind the hugs and kisses The Russian arms that mean goodwill



Have you ever noticed that gover-ments, like individuals, have a body

Take Yuri Andropov's funeral in focussed on three men: Konstantin Chernenko, 72, the new leader Mikhail Gorbachev, 52 and Grigorily Romanov, contenders for the leadership. In official line-ups only a week before they had been placed well back: now they stood next to Mr Chernenko. The mute message which went out to millions of Soviet manwaichers seems clear, the younger, reform-minded men will have their chance next time.

It seems curious, in an age when governments have instant global communications, embassies-full of diplomats and the media to convey messages, threats, assurances and subtle hints, and when public relations have been brought to a fine art, that it is often simple physical gestures which reveal, more vividly than words, the real situations.

Body language is particularly important in communist countries which are not exactly famous for the openness of their decision-making processes or their trusting relations with other governments. Western diplomats in the communist blocks learn, like the inhabitants, to become highly-skilled political manwatchers, as quick to detect a non-verbal snub as they are to read between the lines in Pravda. For them, the Andropov funeral was a

Richard Owen, The Times correspondent in Moscow and one of the few journalists present, says that at the post-funeral reception, Mrs. Thatcher and Heimut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, had long, more animated chats with Mr Chernenko, while the vice-president, George Bush was given a brief, cool

It was no coincidence: it is all symbolic of the policy of being nice to the Europeans and tough with the Americans - in the hopes of driving a wedge into Nato.

once watched as West Germany's chief representative in communist East Berlin, Herr Günter Gaus, bade farewell to a top East German representative who had attended an official reception at the West German mission there. No sooner was the august visitor off the premises than Herr Gaus turned to his aides with shining eyess and enthused: 'He stayed for 40 minutes! It was quite demonstrative!"

Well, I can't exactly remember if it was 40 minutes, but the man's physical presence at the party, sipping Sekt and indulging in polite; superficial chat, was of a length to indicate quite clearly to his hosts that Moscow had given the green light for a period of better relations.

No doubt the news was flashed instantly to Bonn.

The warmth of the embrace and the three kisses which the Russians bestow on visiting comrades is a guide to the diligence with which they toe the Moscow line. The bear hugs once inflicted on diminutive Chinese communist frames, for instance have now dwindled into polite handshakes.

Not many Poles tend to go to Moscow and it is not clear exactly what happens to those who do, but the standard airport photographs in the Polish papers do not show them being bugged.

Westerners on the whole are spared such effusions, though Herr Willy Brandt, the former West German Chancellor, paid the price for his Ostpolitik with a huge embrace from President Leonid Brezhnev. (His pretty Norwegian wife Rut got an even warmer one, but Kremlinologists rule out any political significance in this.) Mr Brezhney, however, had the

tables turned on him at the signing of the Salt Treaty in Vienna in 1979 carried away by all the detente, impulsively embraced him. The Russian leader was clearly stunned. The style, of course, varies

considerably according to character. Mr Brezhnev and his colourful predecessor, Nikita Khruschchev, were great huggers and kissers. Mr Gromyko, a colder personality, is rather bad at it.

So carefully calibrated is every formal welcome that a foreign visitor can immediately sauge his own importance in political or protocol terms. The rank of the person who meets him, whether he comes forward to the aircraft steps or stays put, the size of the car that takes him into town, the speed it is driven at are all subtly graded.

Old folk's drugs



A recent Royal College of Physicians report warned doctors take care when prescribing drugs for old Мапу people.

old folk are given too many drugs for the drugs for the wrong reasons, it argued. Among other recommen-

dations the report told doctors to tell any elderly person who needs a drug exactly why he or she needs it and when and how to take their pills. The report recommended written instructions to combat forgetfulness. But research from America suggests that even if old people

are told what to do they may physically not be able to tell one pill from another and that it is moortant to watch out for this nitfall too. Peter Hurd and Julia Blevins

from Arizona University asked a group of old people to distinguish between pairs of

They found that some old people couldn't tell the between green and blue pills or white and yellow ones.

The reason for the difficulty

the Americans report in the New England Journal of Medicinc. is probably that the lens of the eye tends to yellow with age making vision less clear, creating problems with glare and making it hard to distinguish

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Prince Charles:

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used safely again and again on

through the body, as even

Last week the Prince of Wales opened a new scanner unit at the famous National Hospital in

The scanner, installed with the help of a grant of more than £1.m from the Multiple Sclerosis Society, uses the latest imaging technique, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, (NMR) to look inside the human body.

The theory of NMR was refined by Oxford chemist Sir Rex Richards in the 1960s. But it is only in the last four years or so that doctors have really started to appreciate its medical

NMR has several advantages over other imaging techniques though it's not likely to replace

Boning up



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must have lost their balance and heavily on one leg. But the

their thigh bones many people tumbled down

picture is far more complicated. For some years surgeons have recognized that it is not because elderly people fall that they break their thighs but, rather, that their thighs collapse.

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What is even more controversial is why the bones break: When elderly bones do become thinner with age - the technical term is osteoporosis - but whether they also become more fragile is open to question.

Many patients who have broken their thigh bones, or femoral necks, do not have osteoporosis, while many patients with advanced osteoporosis have never broken a leg.

Mr Zdenek Ralis, ortho-paedic surgeon at the Welsh National School of Medicine, has made a remarkable disovery by examining bone tissue microscopically. Thin-ning does not in itself seem to be a problem. It is the quality of bones that deteriorates; but why some people's bones lose their strength remains a mystery.

Mr Ralis has managed to reverse the process of deteriorating quality (and thickness) by giving a group of patients a combination of fluoride, calcium and vitamin D. Over a 10month period for a group of 32 patients. 75 per cent of the patients' bones become thicker

He now wants to find out

sophisticated CAT scanners do. NMR uses magnetic fields around the body to creats a picture.

But the real advantage is that NMR can "see" soft tissues of the body, such as the brain or perve cells, more easily and clearly than other scanners. Also NMR can be "tuned" Herpes relief into different molecules in body

tissues and used to follow the chemical reactions.

At the National Hospital doctors will be using NMR to

watch what happens to the nerve cells of people who develop multiple sclerosis. For the first time this will allow them to see precisely where the damage occurs and to find out if a treatment is working.

whether this improvement is permanent or whether to maintain strength the patients would have to take the treatment indefinitely.

Safe antihistamine

Antihistamines, the drugs people frequently take for hayfever and other allergic problems, usually come with a warning not to drive or use heavy machinery because the drugs are liable to make you sleepy. It is a surprise therefore to find that until very recently no one has bothered to show scientifically that sedative anti-

histamines actually do impair driving skills. But now doctors at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham have done just that. And, more importantly, they have shown that one new antihista-mine which doesn't make you

driving.

Dr Tim Betts and his twelve experienced female drivers to take an antihistamine which causes drowsiness.

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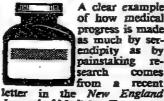
The drivers, they report in the

BMJ were aware that they felt drowsy and weren't driving as well after the drug but were unable to do anything about it. On the antihistamine triludan

however, the women drove just

taken any antihistamine at all.

Triludan is one of two
antihistamines which don't cause sleepiness. It proved so poplar with doctors last year that it is now available from pharmacists without a prescrip-



Journal of Medicine. Treatment of patients with cancer is often so severe that their natural defence mechanisms collapse under the ouslaught of drugs. As a result, many patients suffer from opportunist infections like

herpes which can be very painful and irritating.

Some antiviral preparation, similar to Herpid or Zovirax, have been used successfully, and one patient in Texas was given another drug - cimétidine best known as an anti-stomach-ulcer drug but is also known to have immuno-stimulating properties. The drug was given to see if it could help restore the patient's own de-fence mechanism. To the surprise of the doctors, the patient's herpes zoster infection started to improve dramatically.

It is early days to say whether cimetidine will ever take a place in the normal treatment of herpes: it is a powerful drug and should not be taken casually. People who do suffer from cold sores or genital herpes should continue to use the anti-viral agents, like Herpid or Zovirax. as they are designed specifically for the job.

Olivia Timbs and Lorraine Fraser

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There is something exquisitely symmetrical in the fact that, while

debate rages over the question of

changing the method by which trade union members contribute to Labour Party funds from "contract-

ing out" to "contracting in", Parliament should have discussed a

proposal to change the method by which the organs of dead people are made available for transplant from

"contracting in" to "contracting out". My own trade union has no

political levy, so I am not directly

affected by the trade union question:

on the other hand, my own kidneys

have been with me for a long time

now, and before I am willing to

contract them in, out or sideways I

would like not only to examine the

existing and proposed safeguards

against my bits and pieces being

subjected to a process of transplant

inter vivos rather than post mortem, but also to think that before

legislating for the change Parliament

might rise to a level of debate

considerably higher than it did

What is surprising is that the leading advocates of the change were

Sir John Biggs-Davison and Mr

Tam Dalyell, Sir John has shown

himself to be a man who thinks much and deeply about ethical problems, presumably through his

religious convictions, while as for

Mr Dalyell, he may be barmy (come,

come, Levin, you were not wont to he so mealy-mouthed - he is

barmy), but however irritating his campaigns may be, they have always been motivated by moral principles; his obsession with the Belgrano.

after all, was derived not from a

thrifty horror at the thought of all

that irrecoverable scrap metal but from a different kind of horror at the

thought of all those irrecoverable

Yet they both spoke as though the question of what is, or should be.

done with the bodies of the lately

dead were of little more moment than that of what should be done

It is, of course, possible to take

that very view, and it is clear that

many in our society today do take it, though it is even more clear that

ours is the first era in which it would

have been taken by more than a very

few, who would greatly have astonished their fellows. When we

are dead, the argument runs, we

have no more use for our bodies; if

we have souls, they are independent

of the earthly clay in which they are

with hair cut off at the barber's.

carlier this week.

human beings.

Spelling while Wales burns

As one with family connexions in a mid-Wales village rejoicing in the name of Penbontrhydybeddau. I can well understand the difficulties of the Clwyd fire brigade in actually finding their way to a fire. There are, for example, some 400 sizable places in Wales that have names beginning with Llan, and quite a number of them fall within the territory of the Clwyd firemen. Then there are all the Abers, Ponts, Pentres and Bryns to contend with. The brigade hs been finding that it requires good spelling, superb pronunciation and excellent map-reading to get its engines to the place when they are needed. Of course, as with everything else these days, the answer lies in computers. The Clwyd firemen are to have a new command and control system which, through the use of microprocessors, will give headquarters and 18 fire stations an instant fix on all those tonguetwisting names. At £300,000, the equipment doesn't come cheap, but at least it will stop the land of their fathers burning down befor they can

Write and wrong

Anyone who thought a circulation war in Fleet Street could be nothing hut a good deal for newspaper readers would have reckoned without the Daily Express. Express Newspapers has just been ticked off by the advertising authorities for making exaggerated and inaccurate claims for no fewer than three of its total of six complaints upheld

against the group in the past year. In one of the new cases the Daily Express, in its "Millionaires Club" promotion, offered £1 discounts on National Express luxury coach services without warning people that to take advantage of the offer they had to pay a £2 supplement on the ordinary fare. Spending £2 to save £1 is no way to become a millionaire. The other cases involved exaggerated claims for lowpower electric spaceheaters, which complainants said would give no more heat than an ordinary light hulb, and slippers described as having cosy sheepskin inners which proved to be lined with man-made fibre. What was it that people used to say about not believing what you read in the papers?

Diplomaloo

The state of the lavatories at the ICA in The Mall, exclusively reported in this column, seems to have captured the sympathy of the nation. Letters and phone calls have been coming in to PHS daily, and now I have been privileged to see one of the designs for a new loo to be submitted to even magazine, which is running a competition for the convenience of the ICA. Brenda Innes, of Bromley, ocsigned a circular, stainless steel, unisex lavatory and washroom which, she says, could be easily mass-produced and would probably be cheaper than the French-style superioo now appearing on London streets. Smaller than the buildingsite Portaloo, the Innes model is suitable for outside or indoor use. and, seeing that it's intended for the ICA, could be decorated with posters. There must be something about it: the design helped Brenda to get an Open University degree.

BARRY FANTONI

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Along, no doubt, with the Victorian ham sandwiches

Succession story

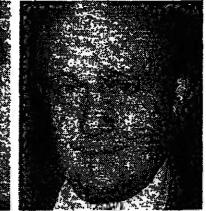
Candidates for succession to Moss Evans as head of the country's biggest union, the Transport and General Workers, are keeping their eyes skinned for possible late entrants in the race. Their anxiety stems from the last election, in 1977, which Evans won. An outsider then was an ordinary union member named D. Thatcher who, although he came bottom of the poll, amassed a healthy 6.000 votes. T&G cynics believe Thatcher supporters thought they were voting for the husband of a future prime minister.

Out of touch The spirited desence put up by British Telecom against charges of inefficiency in a recent Which? report cuts no ice with the International Institute of Communications. That worthy body - set up by telecommunications companies such as NTT of Japan and America's AT&T for the exchange of technology and discussion of policy - recently moved 100 yards to new offices in Tavistock House, London. Despite early warning of the move to the relevant authorities, the institute still has not a single working telephone or Telex and relies on the postman for contact with the outside world. One of the most active members of IIC is

The post-mortem body shop

Bernard Levin: the way we die now





any man to say how he will behave

in conditions he knows about, it is

far more so for any of us to say how

we would behave in conditions of

which at present we have no

experience, I do not believe that

advocates of the legalization of

euthanasia, and especially doctors

who advocate it would feel anything

but revulsion and contempt at the

suggestion that, were euthanasia available, they might start to see in a

sinister light those incurably ill or

senile whose lives are nothing but a

misery to themselves as well as

others. But that is the problem about

altering standpoints; the view from

the new one cannot be predicted,

and it may contain sights previously

undreamt of except in nightmares. And as with euthanasia, so with

transplants; we simply do not know

what an accident victim with

extensive and irreversible brain-

operating table when the attitude 10

transplants has been reversed in the

manner proposed in Parliament.

ant aspect of what has been

proposed. It was argued on all hands

that, since the number of those

making a direct commitment to the

medical use of their bodies (by signing and carrying a "kidney

card") is insufficient for those whose

lives could be saved or prolonged by

such use, a new method of

increasing the number of bodies

available must be introduced. But if

the MPs had been talking about

increasing the production of sugar-

beet by providing low-interest loans

But that leaves the most import-

Facilis descensus Averno.

Tam Dalyell, left, and Sir John Biggs-Davison: surprising advocates of transplant legislation

temporarily housed, and the clay itself, once the breath is out of it. might as well be recycled in the interests of those who need it. What is wrong with that?

First, and most obvious, there is the double problem of the safe-guards and of what I have called, when discussing euthanasia, the Fallacy of the Altered Standpoint. The debate over the definition of death is by no means concluded, and it is hard to see how it ever will be, yet until we can say "this man is dead" with a certainty that is beyond even semantic dispute (let alone beyond the possibility that he may sit up and say "Oh, no, I'm not") the safeguards will always remain beneath a cloud, however small, of doubt. This is not just a matter of a mistake by the doctors: it concerns the very nature and meaning of death, and the fact that modern medical science can ensure that patients may remain in articulo mortis for months on end makes the importance of that nature and meaning greater, not less.

Now for the Altered Standpoint. Some of my best friends are doctors. and as far as I know very few of them are practising vampires. I do not envisage, should the controls on transplants be weakened, a sudden rush of ghouls in white coats to cut the hearts out of living bodies like so many Aztee priests. (Mind you, Ferdinand Sauerbruch was one of the greatest surgeons of modern times, but he ended mad as a hatter in a welter of butchery like a horrorfilm, protected by his august reputation,) But, difficult as it is for his august

oblivious to the colossal weight that all peoples have always given to reverence for the dead. The MPs did take in to account the grief of the abruptly bereaved.

but only in terms of the difficulty or embarmssment of asking them for permission to extract the tastiest morsels from the remains of their loved ones; nobody stopped to think that that difficulty and embarrassment are directly connected with the instinctive horror so many people feel at the thought of the offhand disposal of a body they once loved. let alone that the instinctive horror is grounded in something deeper than did ever plummet sound. There is evidence", said the Minister, "that people are strongly opposed to an opting out system."
There is indeed; about 30.000 years of such evidence, and it is not to be dismissed without consideration of

important beliefs. failing", said Mr Dalyell, "to imagine that other people are going to be killed, not oneself.

the next bullet has his number on it.

This life force is inseparably bound up with the feeling that a

for farmers willing to change the balance of their crops they could hardly have shown themselves more

enough evidence

what it must mean for the nature of There was another example of lack of imagination among the MPs who debated this subject. Many people, it was pointed out, do not other to carry a kidney-card, even though they would have no objec-tion to their bodies being used. because they are unable to envisage their abrupt death; "It is a human

A human failing? That is no failing; it is an instinct that enshrines one of the most glorious truths about mankind, which is that our faces are set towards the sun of life, not the darkness of death. We do not go about the streets wondering whether we are going to be run over, though we know the figures for road accidents; even the soldier in battle does not believe that

dead body must be handled with care, precisely because it once contained life. Those who think of dead bodies as no more than a repository of spare parts, like a carbreaker's yard, have failed to gauge the strength of that feeling and, in their very proper zeal for helping those whose suffering could be alleviated if more of their fellows would assign their bodies for alleviation. have made a profound

A US soldier stands guard over Cuban prisoners at Point Salinas airstrip after the invasion

Secret steps that led to invasion

Our best head teachers were dismissed from their posts, and Cubans, even Russians, were brought in to teach in our schools. What these chaps thought they could teach our children, goodness knows!" So spoke Sir Paul Scoon, Grenadian Governor-General and himself a teacher, explaining the extent to which Grenada had been dominated by Cuba before the US action last October. The traditional British curriculum, even down to primary school level, was displaced by the introduction of Marxist and revolutionary textbooks imported from Cuba. Police stations throughout the island were closed down and many of the top policemen retired, their role being taken over by a 530strong People's Revolutionary Army, backed by a 1,500-man

Following Maurice Bishop's arrest on October 12. events moved swiftly. On October 18 a crowd of several thousand of the prime minister's supporters gathered in the capital, St George's, to demand his

One week later the prime minister, three of his ministers and two trade union leaders, were machine-gunned to death inside Fort George, the eighteenth century fortress which from its hill-top vantage-point dominates the tiny capital and its anchorage. The governor-general appealed

for outside intervention once the prime minister and his principal ministers had been assassinated, his position having become perilous. He was installed in Government House and protected by a single armed guard on the gate and a detachment of half a dozen policemen with two revolvers between them. "I would not have wanted any of those PRA chappies around the place. They were an indisciplined lot", observed Sir Paul in his quaint style of speech. more redolent of a British colonial governor than of a Grenadian.

Mystery and not a little disbelief have surrounded the meeting which took place in Grenada on the morning of Sunday, October 23, between the governor-general and David Montgomery, Britain's Deputy High Commissioner in Barbados. Both Sir Geoffrey Howe and Mrs
Thatcher have denied that at the meeting any request was made for British military intervention. Sir Paul confirmed that this was indeed

Four months after US troops moved into Grenada, Winston Churchill MP

reassesses the island's dilemma

the case: "Time was all important and we had no choice but to call upon those already in the area who were able to respond swiftly to our request." However, as he explained. he did not even make any direct appeal to the Americans in the two weeks between the arrest of the prime minister and the American landings which took place on Tuesday, October 25. All his communications were with other Caribbean leaders. "East German technicians had

been put in to control the central telephone exchange and it was impossible to make direct-dial calls outside the island, although I could receive calls direct from overseas". Sir Paul explained. "For this reason I had to be very guarded in what I said and had to go through two or even three other people, in order to get the person I wished to speak to to call me." In this way Sir Paul was able to keep in touch with other aribbean leaders, including Tom Adams, Premier of Barbados, and Mrs Eugenia Charles of Dominica, who played the key role in conveying Sir Paul's guarded, but

none the less, urgent request for help to President Reagan. But if Sir Paul Scoon did not invite Britain to participate in the liberation of the island, it is equally clear that Tom Adams, the prime

minister of Barbados, did. On the Friday, October 21, and again in the course of the weekend, he requested through Giles Bullard, our newlyarrived High Commissioner in Bridgetown, British participation in the invasion which was already in preparation and, specifically, the dispatch of an SAS team to rescue the governor-general, "I thought it would be appropriate if Her Majesty's representative on the were to be safeguarded by British forces", the prime minister observed when I met him on Barbados. "We hoped it might be possible", he added, "for those British forces already in the area, namely the Harriers in Belize and the Royal Navy ships in the Caribbean to participate as well. My sole regret is that I did not speak to Mrs Thatcher personally on the telephone. Unfortunately there was no secure telephone link available. When, by the Monday, the American military realized that the operation would be exclusively theirs, they were delighted."

The first Sir Paul Scoon knew of the invasion being actually under way was on the Tuesday morning the US forces attacked the Cuban positions around Point Salines. The roar of several slow, low-flying planes was heard overhead in the darkness. Sir Paul took me out on to



Sir Paul Scoon, left, whose position was perilous, and Tom Adams, who asked for the SAS

the terrace of Government House. which commands a panoramic view over St George's, the new Point Salines airport and the southern part of the island, whose volcanic hills covered in lush tropical vegetation plunge down to the silver sand and turquoise waters of the Caribbean. Gesturing out towards Point Salines he recalled: "A great deal of groundfire and anti-aircraft fire seemed to be directed at the American transport planes which were firing back. At dawn, a large helicopter arrived over Government House and attempted to land on the tennis court, but the overhang of the trees was too great and the helicopter's rotors too large for it to do so."

It is clear that the helicopter was intended to scoop up Sir Paul and his family and evacuate them to safety. As it was, the best that could be done was for a dozen American soldiers, armed only with light weapons and limited ammunition. to be dropped down a rope to the grounds of Government House where their presence immediately attracted the attention of two armoured personnel-carriers of the Grenadian PRA, which proceeded to subject Government House and the surrounding area to periodic bursts of cannon fire. The governorgeneral and his family took refuge in the basement while the small American detachment did their best to protect them, though they lacked weapons heavy enough to knock out the armoured vehicles. It was not until dawn the next day, after a delay of 24 hours during which the lives of Sir Paul and his family were in considerable peril, that they could be evacuated from the grounds of Government House and were able to meet up with an advancing Ameri-

In the wake of events in Grenada. Tom Adams believes the time has come for the nations of the easiern Caribbean to consider recreating, in some form at least, a federation of the West Indies, in which would be established joint army, police and internal security services - possibly backed by British and US naval forces and intelligence in the background - to safeguard the region from subversion or outside attack in the future.

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David Watt

Who knows what Chernenko thinks

philosopher Bertrand Russell is of a small gathering in Oxford, more than 30 years ago, when he was asked by some smart alick what he, a Irielong atheist, would say to God if he discovered in the after life that He existed. The sage considered the matter with care, and apparently some distaste, for a moment or two and then replied in his inimitably pinched, aristocratic tones: should say to Him. You're a very shabby fellow; you didn't give us

This utterence floated into my mind on Tuesday morning when I saw, side by side, the main headlines of The Times and The Guardian. This paper proclaimed: "Chernenko takes over with firm pledge on detente". Its contemporary declared: Hopes of West are dashed by Chernenko", I mention this discrepancy not to poke fun at the distinguished correspondents over whose names these labels appeared. The point is simply that where the Soviet Union is concerned we usually do not have the wherewithal to provide even the most intelligent and experienced observers with an

unchallengeable view.
The shabby Chernenko, like God. has played it saic and has carciully produced something for everyone in his initial pronouncements – a few imperialist sentences about aggression and war-mongering on the one hand and a few about his desire to follow in the steps of the peace-loving Mr Andropov on the other. From this, of course, absolutely nothing can be deduced - not even the strictly limited presump-tion that Chernenko is the kind of man who plays things safe. (What else would even the most during Soviet leader have done under the circumstances?)

The truth is that nearly everything that has been written in the past week on this subject is speculation. The confident assertions - to take some of the most obvious examples - that Chernenko is a "stop-gap", that he is a cautious dove, that he is a cautious hawk, that he is a very dull dog, that Gromyko will call the shots in foreign policy anyway, are not entirely baseless.

The new leader's age, his repulation, his past performances all provide some limited ground for his sort of guesswork; but at the end of the day, guesswork is still what it is. After all, Chernenko is younger than President Reagan who, whatever else he may be, is no stop-gap, a ot younger than was Pope John XXIII when he shook another calcifying organization to its foun-dations. The fact that he was an apparently docile client, and indeed creation, of Brezhnev's may be a sign that he is irremediably second rate. But it may, for all we know, conceal the existence of a formidahly strong and self-disciplined character who knew how to bide his time. Such things have been known before. Khrushchev, under Stalin, was a comic bit-player who emerged in his true colours only after the tyrant's death and at a very late stage in his own career,

Likewise it is far too early what the Chernenko foreign policy is going to be: for that matter it is too early to exert any serious influence upon it. There is, so far as I know, no concrete evidence that ties Chemenko in more than the most temporary and pragmatic fashion to Brezhney's old enthusiasm for detente. Nor do we know how much he owes to the military - who passed him over in favour of Andropov last

It is possible that they exacted some important reassurances from him before they changed their minds

on this occasion; but perhaps they simply accepted him as the least of the available evils. All is uncertain. But in any case, whatever Chernenko's private views or collective inhibitions may be, the new regime cannot embark on a new course without a quite prolonged period of stocktaking - and this process cannot be more than highly provisional until it is safe to bet on who the next president of the United States is going to be, In other words, before Ronald Reagan is seen to be more or less home and dry (which cannot be before the summer, and may well not be before next November) all talk of stimmit meetings or resumed disarmament

negotiations is pretty implausible. Western governments know all this perfectly well, and it is therefore reasonable to enquire why they have gone rooming off to Moscow for Andropov's funeral talking about peace. Mrs Thatcher, in deciding to go in person rather than sending the oreign Secretary on his own, could

> The credibility of the olive branch was damaged

not expect to do any serious business at such a time. She would also be a fool if she supposed that her very presence would send a "message" to Chernenko that might unlock the path to negotiations at a later date when other more direct approaches would not. No, the real audience for these dramatic gestures is not in Moscow but in British public opinion. The British, like other western governments, is reflecting a clamorous desire for better East-West relations and is doing its best to be seen by its electors in a moderate and relatively amenable posture vis a vis the Soviet Union - without really knowing where this may lead in practice, or when.

Put in this way, this may sound n undignified and even dishonest kind of operation. But before one leaps to criticize, it is necessary to remember that one of the most difficult and important tasks facing west European politicians at present is to maintain a stance on East-West matters that the ordinary voter can support with some enthusiasm. This has not been easy in the past 18 months because of the row over the cruise missiles. Nato's famous twotrack decision (negotiate with the Russians and prepare to deploy the missiles if negotiations fail) was supposed to satisfy everybody because, like the eagle on the scal of the United States, it had an olive branch in one hand and arrows in the other.

Unfortunately, thanks to the rhetoric, and to some extent the policies, of the Reagan administration, the credibility of the glive branch was damaged, and with it the traditional bipartisan support for defence expenditure and even for

It may seem paradoxical to justify armament by offering disarmament, but to the practical politician it looks perfectly sensible - and incidentally not at all dishonest since disarmament, however difficult and unlikely it may be to achieve, is a perfectly genuine desire. The long and short of it is that Mrs Thatcher was right to go to Moscow, for her own good reasons. But she will be wrong if she imagines that she has had much effect on the Russians; and she will be mad if she thinks that she or anyone else yet has the foggiest idea whether Mr Chemenko has a mind of his own. still less what is going on inside it:

Philip Howard

Love's labour's well and truly lost

Among other things, Shakespeare was a splendid hack in a hurry. He never blotted out a line. It is not necessary to go as far as envious Ben Jonson. and observe, "Would he had blotted a thousand." But there is a certain Schadenfreude for the rest of us when the Bard bluders, and should have blotted.

One of his most famous bloomers is the stage direction in The Winter's Tale: "Bohemia. A desert country near the sea." For generations near the sea." For generations odious swots in the front row have taken pleasure in waving their hands in the air, and saying, "Please Sir, Bohemia is nowhere near the sea, being entirely surrounded by land." That is the classic example of an anchorism, the error of putting an action, scene, or character in a place where it does not belong. It is an encouragement to lesser backs, when they commit some blunder in print, and triumphant or outraged letters flood in pointing it out, to remember that even Shakespeare nodded. Good stuff, of course. Sweet Swan of Avon. You could say: "The stream of Time, which is continually washing the dissoluble fabrics of other poets, passes without injury by the adamant of Shakepeare." But the lad was unsound on the geography of Bohemia.

Are we quite sure of this? I was until the other day, when learned Richmond Herald, who also enjoys the backwoods and byways of history, raised the matter. Richmond points out that Premsyl Ottocow of Bohemia (1233-1278) married Margaret, daughter and ultimately heiress of Leopold VI (Babenberg). Margrave of Austria. Premsyl first of all occupied Austria and Styria, and then briefly added Carinthia and Carniola, to his empire. So, for a brief period in the thirteenth century, the Kingdom of Bohemia did reach the Adriatic, and could be accurately described as a Country near the Sea.

Premsyl is the king after whom Konigsberg, in what was to become Prussia, was named. His seaside connexion did not last. He was killed in battle by the Hapsburgs in 1278, and that established their dynasty in Austria. Bohemia reverted to its original land-locked

I very much doubt whether Shakespeare knew anything about this, even though the nineteenthcentury schoolmaster at Stratford used to point out his desk to credulous visitors, and say: "William was a studious lad; and selected that corner of the room so that he might not be disturbed by the other

In any case, it doesn't matter. The works of Shakespeare are not textbooks of geography or history. Bohemia is located not on the map. but, like Venice of the Merchant, Athens of the Dream, Elsinore, and the other places, in the wild country of the poet's imagination.

The classic anecdote of treating Shakespeare as an authority on what he was not concerns the First Duke of Marlborough. He was talking to Bishop Burnet, the historian, and surprised him by advancing anachronisms, anachorisms, and other strange matters of fact. The bishop. not the most searching of scholars, whose History of his own Times was described by Johnson as mere chit-chat, was astonished. He asked Marlborough where he had picked up his novel version of history. The duke, equally surprised on his side to be asked that question by so knowing a man in history as the bishop, replied, "Why, don't you remember? It is the only English history of those that I ever read, in

Shakespeare's plays".

Maybe his history was shaky in parts. We are going to revise his geography marks from gamma to beta minus. But he's more fun to read than history or geography.

luxury cruise liner which will be "floated out" today at Wartsila's covered shipyard in Helsinki. Delivery is due in October.

- come to substantially more.

What this adds up to is a charge of around £200 a day per passenger to make a viable

propostion on what is (unusual-

ly among commercial projects) highly labour - as well as highly

the US can afford to pay those

kind of prices for a holiday,

researchers found, of whom

some four million are ready and

willing to do so on a Sea

Princess cruise. As P & O's three existing California-based ships carry only about 100,000

passengers a year the scope is clearly considerable - provided

Royal Princess offers what the

The prime requirements is

top-class accommodation and

service: and here Royal Princess

clearly scores with for the first

time on any ship every cabin

had to share the hull with cargo,

with bigger engines than today.

and with bulkier equipment and

services, only a minority of

passsengers were able to get it.

For this they paid premium

side, often ending in a small

large sea view.

Americans want. What is that?

Some 20 million people in

Wales is seen by many as a symbol of youthful resurgence in Briush public life, so the brillian new P & O liner which will be a bright brillian result of the Boyal Princess. Capital costs alone, at Princess. Capital costs alone, at which will be named after her at more than £100m, require the launch next November can carnings of about £60,000 a day be seen as a sign of resurgence to service: and operating costs -pay for 600 staff, fuel, repairs

Britain invented cruising and maintenance, insurance, more from necessity than food and drink, port charges, etc choice. No other country in the -come to substantially more. nineteenth and early twentieth centuries had such a scatter of far-flung colonies, and such a huge fleet of passenger and cargo liners to transfer people and goods between them.

Most of these trades - to India and China, Australia and New Zealand, the Middle East, Africa, and South and North America - were seasonal, some highly so; and cruising evolved as an alternative source of employment when the liners were not needed for trade.

After the last war cargo became more and more separated into specialised cargo ships - but at the same time aircraft were making ever-greater inroads into passenger traffic on the old world routes, and liners concentrated more and more on that aspect of their business that had formerly been a stopgap.

The real trauma came in the carly 1960s when P & O's Canberra and Oriana, and Cunard's OE2 were built

All three ships were re-designed during planning, and ended much more cruise-ships than they began. But for many years after that P & O hesitated to take the ultimate step to a 100 per cent cruiseship with no line voyage commitments what-

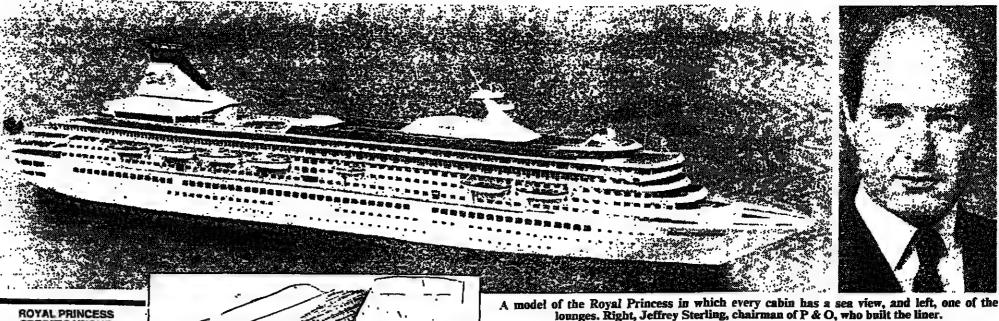
This was a market developed primarily by those inspired shipping entrepreneurs, the Norwegians, who built a score or more of modest custom-built cruise ships, mostly around 20,000 tons for about 600 passengers, through which the Caribbean cruise market based in Miami really took off in the 1960s and 1970s.

Cunard jumped in with their Countess and Princess; but P & O, still Britain's (and indeed the world's) leading cruise line, continued to ponder, content in the 1970s to buy time by buying existing ships and with them an established foothold in the Californian market.

Though P & O cruising had cabin features designed spebeen consistently profitable, the cially for the US market.

Royal Princess

A SPECIAL



ROYAL PRINCESS SPECIFICATIONS Builder: Wartsila Helainki Length (max): 232 metres Breadth (moulded): 29.2 metres Draught (dwl): 7.8 metre Speed: 22 knots Passengers: 1,200
Passenger cablus: 600
Crew; 500 (approx)
Gross tonnage: 40,000

Intended service: Worldwide

offering a sea view. A cabin with a porthole (these days a Every cabin will have 24picture window) has always been highly in demand but in hour service (mainly English or Mexican stewards); full-size former days, when passengers bathroom with tub-bath as the Americans call it; sophisticated furnishings of the kind to be found in a luxury Californian home - soft colours, deep-pile carpet, individual works of art, classical and modern; and, needless to say, individual air-Two earlier ways of trying to conditioning and multi-channel give inside cabins a glimpse of TV with video.

daylight and the sea were the "Bibby" cabin which extended Second, people want interesting places to visit, and plenty a narrow arm out to the ship's of them. Not for the American vacationer the P&O "posh" porthole and a washbasin; and pattern of old, with days or the greatly improved Canberra weeks of restful idleness at sea, "courtyard" cabin, where a punctuated only occasionally batch of six cabins look out on with time in port. They want to to a shared courtyard with a see somewhere different every day. Royal Princess will provide In the Royal Princess all such such excitement for much of the devices are swept away in year in Alaska (with fly-cruises favour of a panoramic view of via Vancouver) whose attracthe sea, sky, and ports of call tions include Skagway where from every cabin, in many cases the Gold Rush started. Juneau from its own private verandah, the state capital, and Sitka, the It should be enormously popu- old Russian capital; at other waiters, lar, and is backed up with other times south of California at Fifth,

Puerto Vallata, and Cabo San Lucas; or yet again on long trips to Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand, Fiji, Tahiti, Hong-

kong, Singapore and Japan.

Third, the American vacationer wants entertaining with top-class Broadway style shows. This Royal Princess will provide together with Las Vegas-type gambling, dancing (ballroom and disco), classical activities of all kinds.

Fourth, top-class eating; and this will be Italian-style on Royal Princess with international cuisine featuring exotic table catering - carvery and flambée trolleys - provided in the main by Italian chess and

something of an Acapulco, and such rapidly obesssion in the US at the expanding resorts as Mazatlan, moment: people want to return

home fit and rested rather than raddled by over-indulgence: and to help them Royal Princess will have a huge deck area for lounging in the sun and gazing at the sea; four swimming pools and two jacuzzis; and a comprehensive health centre. instead of the huge steam turbines which account for a quarter of Canberra's operating costs. Royal Princess will have four small diesels spending only five per cent and providing a high degree of control and flexibility of operation.

Nothing that human foresight can provide to make Royal Princess a success has been forgotten. All she needs now is what every ship needs - Good

> Michael Baily Transport Editor

The pride and pleasure

Jeffrey Sterling, a leading figure in the property world, became process of accelerating into this chairman of P & O last decade and, strategically, the simultaneity. Thus timing be-November at the height of the take-over battle with Cunard- like any other enterprise, is [Tralfalgar House: presumably about people - their quality, because the P & O board thought him the best man to fight off the bid. Aged 49, he is clearly a formidable entrepreneur, but also a man of culture and compassion: he is chairman of the Royal Ballet School and vice chairman of Motability, which helps the disabled. Here he talks to Michael Baily, our Transport Editor. Michael Baily: Why did you

become Chairman of P & O. Jeffrey Sterling: Because I was asked. I had gained an insight into the group as a non-executive director. It is a fascinating company not only because of its standing and tradition but also because of its spread of operations. Its businesses range from virtually all forms of surface transport to the Bovis housebuilding and construction companies, and its international base adds not only an interesting complexity but also an immediate dimension of opportunity. A unique combination history and opportunity.

MB: How do you see the prospect? JS: One must beware of oversimplification. I believe our

latter half of this century. P&O. comes crucial. their attitudes, their motivations. There is a will to succeed in P&O at all levels; a positive response to new ideas. As chairman I see the key to the future as motivation; surely that must be a priority of every

P&O with its national and international spread of businesses is poised and well-balanced. It has weathered massive recession in shipping and done so successfully. That company ethos I referred to is the engine. as it were, of its development and motivation is the fuel. If we could identify future

economic trends and international market movements we would have no problems. We can't. However, what we can do is make informed judgments about possible trends and be thoroughly prepared to move with them.

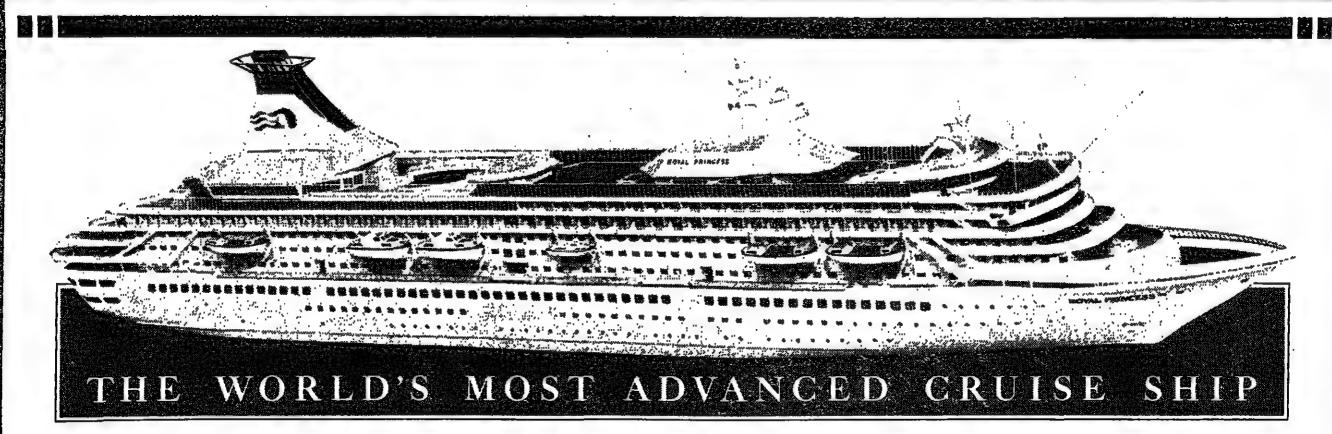
The shipping industry is a classic example of that situation. Relatively large, long term capital investments that are very sensitive to world trade cycles. An added complexity is that the industry itself is multifaceted. The rolling recession of future will be as every bit exciting as our past. We have

MB: Has cruising a good future? Is Royal Princess a good

JS: First cruising. In inter-national terms it is a growth market, very much part of the leisure industry. The north American sector is massive and contains a big potential for growth. We have, in Princess Cruises, a well established market position in that area; a fleet of three cruise ships -Royal Princess will make it

It is a very competitive market place. Remember, the leisure market is governed by discretionary spending. Growth relies upon disposable income. We operate at the top end of that market. Thus product design, quality and service are essentially important to us. I believe a company should concentrate on what it is good at - P&O is unequalled at running ships and taking care of

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Why the cruisers keep on coming back

The average cost of a package holiday in the Mediterranean to devoted one. Market research British holidaymaker is shows that those who take a £175-£250. The average cost of a motoring holiday in Europe cruise keep on doing it, not for a family of four (two adults and two children) whether every year but once every so packaged or not is about £500. The average cost of a cruise is Package holidays generally attract little or no brand loyalty. Holidaymakers who were par-£1000-£1200. A cruise costs about five times as much as a ticularly pleased with Thomas Cook or Thomson one year will doubtless look to them first the holiday in a beach hotel, and that no doubt accounts for the small share of the holiday following year, but generally the package holiday-maker feels free to shop around afresh each

market occupied by cruising. Of some fourteen million Britons who will take a holiday abroad this year, under 100,000 will cruise. About half the total will take package holidays of one sort or another and about twelve million will holiday in Europe via the car ferries.

the cruise passengers have made a voyage previously, and in the case of P&O this rises to 60 per cent - an amazing degree of brand loyalty.

type of holiday.

Why do they do it? Conard in their Atlantic advertisements used to say that "getting there is half the fun." In other words, if you must go to New York (or Europe) why not enjoy the journey as much as the desti-nation? Take your wife, be pampered for five days in elegant surroundings among

From blankets to lifeboats, toothbrush holders to bottle

crushers - the range and diversity of British made equip-ment installed in the Royal

Princess is considerable.

But while many British companies have fought against

fierce international competition

year, as to both operator and

cruising. Some 25-35 per cent of

That is not the case with

people who, like yourself, enjoy a taste of luxury living.

But the Atlantic is not always kind, and the jet does it so much faster. By the 1970s P&O's slogan "The holiday that has everything" was more apposite. Ships had ceased, with a few very minor exceptions, to offer transportation, and had become a part of the leisure

They did so initially largely to those who had enjoyed sea voyages in their previous role former colonials, top businessmen and entrepreneurs; people who liked being waited on in an exclusive atmosphere; atmosphere that excluded the package holiday crowds.

For a time cruising went down market, and tried to attract the holiday camper with kind of "knees up Mother Brown" atmosphere. But it was not a success - partly because providing cruises is an inherently costly business, and it was impossible to get package cruises down to a price the market would stand and still make a profit.

So cruising resumed its place at the head of the holiday

Finnish made vessel, the value

of the contracts awarded by

Wartsila is still only about £5m. When P & O took the controversial decision to place the order for the vessel with a

Finnish yard, it was hoped that much of the adverse comment

would be dampened by major

contracts for marine equipment being placed with British

been quite successful. In the end, the final choice was going

to be made by the Finns on the best price and the best quality."

tracts awarded to 36 companies.

some for just a few hundred

pounds. Some are for glamorous electronics, others for basic

equipment that are nonetheless

for example, which specialises

in marine window wipers, will be providing six units of their

eavy duty model equipment

that passengers certainly will

hope never to see in operation.

The ship will be equipped with 40 25-person liferafts

supplied by RFD Inflatables of

Godalming, Surrey, and eight lifeboats and two rescue boats from the Survival Craft division

of Gosport-based Watercraft.

The £5m figure covers con-

What it costs to go cruising

Cruises from UK ports

2300 four days Cunard QE2 £400 CTC (Russian) 14 days in low-rated cabin

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£700 8-day QE2 £800 14-day CTC 8-day QE2 £1,000 12-day QE2

£1,100 15-day Cunard or Royal Viking Line £1,700 38-day Polish Ocean Lines: 15-day Royal Viking \$2,000 26-day P & O

14-day P & D

market; but with marked attempts by cruise operators to provide something more than the sea voyage and attentive service erstwhile voyagers had enjoyed: night clubs, concerts,

Fly-cruise from UK

£400 7-day Chandris or Siosa

£500 7-day Vacationer 2500 7-day intercruise La Palma

£1,100 14-day P&O £1,400 14-day Cunard, Royal Viking

Caribbean Fly-cruise

£700 9-day Bahama Cruise Lines 2900 9-day Borwegian Caribbean £1,000 9-day Royal Caribbean £1,400 15-day Cunard £1,400 15-day Cunard

activities of all kinds so that, if you did not want to while away your time sipping cocktails and spotting dolphins there were plenty of other things to do. The Royal Princess is merely

the latest of a dozen or so new

to make a last-minute decision to take a cruise and make sure the ships sail reasonably full. Cruising remains an expensive holiday, as the accompanying table shows. But provided operators keep the standards high there should be a huge market to be tapped as both

wealth and leisure continue to

or converted cruise-ships to

arrive on the international

market this year and last, and

the massive investment in-

volved suggests a confidence by

the operators that there is a

The attempt to attract more

custom by going down market has been abandoned. But there

is a definite trend towards

attracting the young and fancy-

free especially in the United

States where all manner of cut-

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ditional lifeboats is that those of the Royal Princess will have enclosed fore and aft sections and be equipped with portable canopies for the centre. Two of the boats are fitted with British

A spokesman said recently: "We think the present level of orders won by British suppliers made Marconi radio stations.
The ship's communication is fairly respectable. They have won contracts against wide-spread competition and have system is to be the Mascot 2000 of STC International Marine, said to be the only British satellite communications terminal approved by the Inter-national Maritime Satellite

STC's system, designed, developed and produced at the company's plant at Mitcham, Surrey, provides two-way voice, telex, facstmile and data transmission. The ship's main radio station will incorporate a new solid state transmitter/receiver which, said STC, is the first of

its type to be used at sea.
Another advanced STC prodact is the automatic direction finder controlled by micro processor, which analyses radio direction beacon signals and gives an immediate longitudeflatitude position. In total the SIC contracts are worth

£110.000 Tyneside, one of Britain's

building the Royal Princess but at least it is being thrown a few crumbs in the form of the £113,000 contract for laminates

which have been won by Formica at Norths Shields. Manu Kaluste, the fabri-cation subsidiary of Taivetaso, Formica's Finnish distributor, is making the furniture and has used the mahogany or teak-look laminate on the state room dressing tables, writing desks,

wardrobes, TV shelves, window pelmets and bedheads. Royal Princess passengers will also walk on, eat from, sleep on and wash under British

and BMK of Kilmarnock have provided the floor coverings for the ship's cabins and public areas. The high grade Wilton was specified for Tankard which is producing a 9ft wide broadloom with 90per cent of the wool coming from English sheep.

BMK's order is for 9,000

square metres of mostly tufted oadloom carpet.

Parkin Silversmiths of Sheffield, with 275 years of catterymaking experience, will supply

40,000 pieces of restaurant silverware, while a similar number of tableware pieces will come from Steelite International ke-on-Trent.

Charterweave, 211 shire company, has won an order to provide 4,000 blankets most made from Merino wool, and Metlex Industries of Croydon, Surrey, is producing 4,600 chrome plated bathroom fit-

British expertise is cathodic protection for ships' bulls and is recognised with the use by Wartsile of an automatic system from the Morgan Berkeley Marine division of Contintec of

The Royal Princess contract is worth \$7,500. The Corrintec system involves the application of an electrical charge over the whole immersed surface of the bull. This eliminates corrosion and helps to prevent roughness thereby enabling the ship to maintain the minimum drag

In bad weather passe should particularly appreciate the Gyrofin stabilizers produced by Sperry Marine Systems of Camberley, Surrey. Each fin weighs 77 tons, and has a 90 horsenway with thick provides borsepower unit which provides 80 tonnes lift at 18 knots. This, says the company, should reduce the ship's roll up to 90

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No room for nostalgia in this floating hotel

of a scafaring nation, sailors all and proud of generations of shipbuilding skills, the interior design of the Royal Princess will provoke, at best, incredulity.

The surprise will be heightened by the knowledge that this floating hotel is aimed not at mid-western America, with its image of staid conservatism. but at laid-back, fun loving west

P&O, on the other hand. know better. Nostalgia is out when it comes to Americans choice of an ocean cruise, Creaking timbers, bunks, port holes and the like are all very well for the Onedin Line but not for today's big spending va-

The Royal Princess, while plush, expensive, superbly comfortable and cosseting, will, nevertheless, reflect from the inside the bland sameness of the international hotel.

Apart from the gentle rollingof the ship - and most of the time even that should be undetectable thanks to the stabilizers - passengers for perhaps they should be called residents) will have to remind themselves that they are at sea. and not in one of those faceless. impersonal edifices of international tourism that can be found in capital cities around

The sales brochure for the maiden voyage uses adjectives chosen, no doubt, to impress rather than entice. It is, says P&O. "the ship destined to become a legend"; various bits of it are described in the blurb as elegant, spacious, lavish, panoramic, gracious.

The ultra modern design in a ship that has a startling and unique lay-out, is the work of a Norwegian, Nial Eide, one of the world's most experienced cruise ship interior decorators. He scoffs at suggestions that the Royal Princess will reflect little that is nautical and stresses the overali aim to achieve a fashionable, quality image.

He reminds the traditionalist that the big Atlantic liners of the past had few interior indications of sea vovaging and were often equipped with heavy, overpowering furniture and fittings designed for houses. "Some of them were like cathedrals," he says.

combined with good basic English and European cruise ship traditions.

The unusual configuration of provision of up-to-date luxuries

a bath with shower, television. refrigerator and "environmental control". A private balcony, a pricey cabins and staterooms.

places, including a two-storey show lounge and casino, with the middle section built between two promenades where there are a cafe. library, card room, shopping area, boutiques

To judge from the mock-ups and drawings, it would appear that the interior design will not he breathtaking. But the unclutforms and its muted conservatism will undoubtedly appeal in its main market.

Getting the

on board

pastel colours, a departure from the strong contrasts often adopted on European cruise ships, and there is a greater degree of colour coordination.

This appears to have been essential because of the strict requirement to use materials that are non-flammable "familics", used, for cost reasons, throughout the ship and which

"The product brief in this to use some real teak (although

like two jacuzzis, clearly as-sisted in the achievement of an impression of up-market mod-All of the cabins on the Royal Princess are located outboard

sort of mini personal deck, is provided for 152 of the more The ship will have almost two acres of public deck - more, says P&O, than any other cruise ship afloat. The main deck extends the whole length and breadth of the ship. Here are located all the main meeting

and children's play room. The restaurant is on the deck below.

feeling

of executive

luxury

The cabins are decorated in

restrict the designer's freedom.

Mr Eide was able, however,

it is only veneer) and brass, albeit for cosmetre purposes. And in the bathrooms, for example, the surfaces around the basins are all solid marble to

To give an "English" feel to the cabins, the beds are provided with skirts, which heightens the hotel look as well as diminishing any sense of ship's bunks. Mr Eide was also able to use considerable amounts of woollen textiles which, again, he hopes will soften the use of laminates and

give a feeling of exclusive

The spaciousness and calmness of a big hotel is further accentuated by the distribution throughout the ship of 175 large tubs containing almost 1,700

Another part of the design brief was to allow for optimum flexibility in the public areas. As Mr Eide puts it: "The idea is to start at 10 in the morning with a room for playing bingo and end up at night with a fashionable and beautiful show lounge."

Equally, the observation founge, with its "nice, gentle" daytime aura, becomes, with the skilful use of lights, a heaving disco at night.

"There is nowhere else to go

on a ship so it is very important to create places for different moods without making it look cheap.

The main feature of the ship, on the main deck, is the central hall, designed by Mr Eide to be the principal meeting point, "a place through which people dnft, like a hotel lounge or

It is built in two storeys with a central, circular opening and staircase leading down to the restaurant. In the centre is the ship's single externally-com-missioned piece of sculpture, a spiral design by an English sculptor whose identity is being kept secret by P&O for unveiling as a marketing aid in the

The pictures hung in the cabins and public areas have all been commissioned from English artists and are of modern abstract design. They were chosen after Mr Eide and his team had scoured a number of London art galleries.

Seascapes and pictures of stately sailing clippers or the liners of the past were deliber-ately rejected. We felt that traditional art would be too harsh for the soft treatment given to the rest of the ship,"

Edward Townsend

See TV for what's on tonight's menu

The advanced technology incorporated in the Royal Princess will not only make passengers' lives safer and more comfortable but also insulate them.

should they so desire, from the unsavoury aspects of the world. Cocooned in their plush hotel-like cabins, these adventurers will be able to bask in the ultra-modern air conditioning and watch the scene outside the

ship on the multi-channel TV. Without moving from their non-flammable armchairs, the passengers will experience, via the small screen, the wonders of the Panama Canal or a Pacific Sunsel

It is easy, however, to poke fun at the holiday demands of well-off Americans. P&O clearly has spent much time and effort in exploiting technology to the full to satisfy its customers' tastes and to provide a vessel that is cost-saving, efficient and profitable.

To start in the bowels of the ship, the least glamorous, but possible the most important, technological advance is in the engine room. Here are installed the four main Wartsila Pielstick engines arranged in pairs, each of which develops 9,900 hp.

and burns high viscosity, low efficiency fuel.

engines, which also generate electric power for the entire ship, and the two boilers utilise the cheap bottom-of-the-barrel "dirty" oil. David McKee. P&O Cruises' technical manager in Southampton, said: "The fuel these engines can cope with is not even on the market yet. It is the sort that the experts tell us we will be pleased to accept in a few years' time.

By using the main diesel engines to drive the alternators. the load on the engines can be kept at optimum level. At least one engine, therefore, will be running at all times driving one alternator - sufficient to power the ship.

P&O says that on the new ship, fuel charges should be only 5 per cent of total operating costs against about 25 per cent for the Canherra.

A high degree of advanced electronic systems is being installed in the engine room so that it could operate automatically. Unmanned engine rooms are not permitted on passenger vessels but, said Mr McKee, the

operates through economisers equipment would enable much greater efficiency and control.

The air conditioning system The significance is that the is claimed to be the most advanced and efficient available and the emphasis on running cost reduction for the ship has led to a large amount of insulation for the inside skin of the vessel and double glazing. Exhaust heat from the en-

gines will not be wasted. It will be taken up by the economisers which are installed in the funnel, and not as normal on the engines themselves, to produce steam for heating.

On the electronics front, the Royal Princess will be equipped with the latest. British designed and made satellite communications system. This will allow passengers to make and receive secure business and personal telephone calls as easily, it is claimed, as if they were on

A large IBM computer will deal with all aspects of the ship's operation and any activity that generates money sales. All transactions like bar hills, loundry and hairdressing charges will be added automatically to customers' accounts.

The television system

particularly novel. All the cabins will have an eight-channel colour TV which, when in port, can broadcast up to four of the local station programmes. There are also two video channels and a live, on-board

The style and comfort aboard the Royal Princess, Left,

the Princess court, one of the rooms for easy lounging with a

sea view. Above: an outside de-luxe room with veranda.

telephone and TV. Apart from a gentle rolling passengers

will have to remind themselves that they are at sea.

channel. On-board cameras will relay to passengers a variety of events including water sports from the swimming pool or simply the

view of the outside world. The system also has an advanced teletext facility, with a large number of pages, that will enable passengers to call up a variety of information ranging from details of the next port of call to the evening's dinner menu, and even the latest bargains in the ship's shops.

Wartsila's unique design for the Royal Princess, with all of the cabins situated on the outside and at the top of the vessel, has enabled the centre of the ship to take the air conditioning machinery, staircases, lifts and all the ducts for wiring and pipes. All these services are situated between the fore and aft bulkheads and allow maintenance to be done without passenger disturbance.

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Stock Exchange in London later this year. During the period 1979-1982, the company's turnover grew from FIM 1,900 million to over FIM 3,800 million. In 1983 sales increased by almost 40% to FIM 5,300 million (\$0.9 billion) with total orders in hand of FIM 8,000 million (\$1.4 billion). Profits before tax were FIM 284 million in 1982 and preliminary results indicate this will rise to FIM 500 million (\$90 million) in 1983.

Already quoted on the Helsinki and Stockholm

stock exchanges, Wärtsilä

is seeking a listing on The

The London listing is a natural step for a growing international company with exports and overseas production accounting for 85% of its sales and with 13 of its 35 production plants outside Finland.

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The shipyard: ready on time

Royal Princess, is not one of the biggest shipbuilders in the important and profitable sectors, luxury cruise liners and Arctic vessels, including ice-

"We do not try to compete in the field of simple and inexpenive ships", says Martin Saarikangas, managing director of Wartsila's Helsinki shipyard, which is a landmark in the centre of the port city.

The Royal Princess has been prepared for the floating out operation in a covered 400,000 ubic metre dry dock, where Helsinki's heavy snowfall does not hamper work.

The floating out of the Royal Princess, which is eleven metres nger than the dry dock, will be a tricky business, because the western harbour is very narrow and full of broken ice.

"We are using the most modern methods", Mr Saarikangas said, "and this enables us to complete the ship in a very time. The order was placed in April, 1982, and the ship will be delivered in

competitiveness

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based on several things, he said. First of all, the Royal Princess is a totally new concept, which features among other things our AOC design, which means "all outside cabins."

"We have also been able to establish a high reputation on the passenger cruise liner market, of which we hold about 30 per cent. We have always been reliable, and all passenger ships we have built have been delivered on time."

Wartsila's design philosophy means that the operator will get exactly the ship it needs. As an example of Wartsila's shipbuilding division's innovative capacity the company has delivered 51 different new types capacity of ships during the past ten

Mr Saarikangas is certain that the cruise market will grow an average of 10-15 per cent a year.

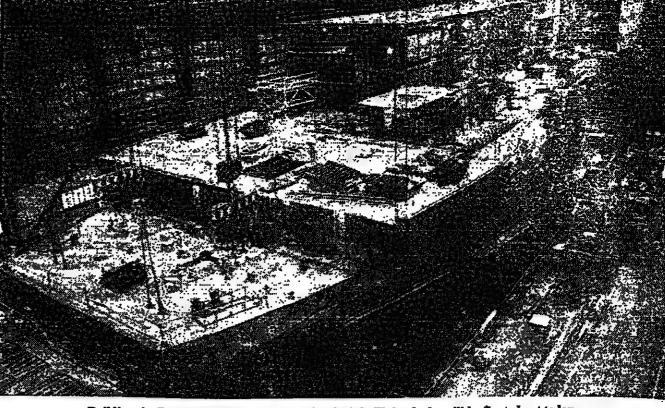
He cites the example of cruise ferry traffic between Helsinki and Stockholm, Hugely improved ferries increased capacity on this mute four fold a few years ago. And the cruise ferries have been sold out ever since. This means more than seven million passengers a year. The same as the number of cruises sold in the whole of the Inited States in a year.

Wartsila objects strongly to subsidies to the shipbuilding industry, "Subsidies bring down productivity, work moral and competitiveness, and it leads to the need of more and more subsidies. So, many European countries have ended up with 20-25 per cent subsidies", says Mr Saarikangas. In Finland. subsidies have been used only in two separate cases.

Finland's hard winters force the country to have a fleet of powerful ice-breakers, which can keep the sea lanes open all through the winter, this has enabled Wartsila to become the leading ice-breaker builder in In fact, 60 per cent of the ice-

breakers built after the second world war have been built by Wartsila, nearly 50 in total, and several are on order. Most of the specialized arctic

ships have been built for the Soviet Union. The bilateral barter trade between Finland and the Soviet Union is based



Building the Royal Princess in a covered dry dock in Finland: she will be floated out today.

world market prices. Mr Saarikangas stresses. Subsidies are out of the question, because Finns get the price in goods, but the trade has great advantages for a country like Finland, which cannot compete with credit terms with the major

The value of the Soviet trade for Wartsila is on average about 25 per cent of the turnover.

countries. The Soviet trade does

not need credits.

Five years ago the company had no production outside Finland, and now it has production units in Europe. Asia and north America, Exports and overseas production accounts for 85 per cent of sales. Wartsila bas also decided to

make an equity issue on the international market later this year. It also intends to apply for a listing for all of its free series two shares on the London Stock Exchange. It will be the first Finnish company seeking listing in London. Wartsila is already listed in

Helsinki and Stockholm, where a successful issue took place last

In addition to being number one on cruise liners and Arctic shipbuilding Wartsila is among the three leaders in papermaking machinery, among the four in marine diesels and among the ten in locks and security

Olli Kivinen

Philippa Toomey looks back at tougher cruising days

Food on the hoof, and perhaps the water will come in . . .

good company, floating to exotic destinations in all the romance of a sea voyage – the glossy brochures today describe a popular holiday fantasy, often ulfilled, It was not always so. The very first "cruise" that

the Peninsular and Orient Company advertised (in an extremely discreet way) was in 1884; the steamer Vectis, 6,000 tons, was specially fitted up as a yacht to carry about 150 passengers, "and will, in future, be regularly employed on those Pleasure Croises which have become popular as combining the most delightful Hallday Excursions, with the benefit of sea air, under the most luxur-

ious conditions". The voyage to India was less promising. In a letter of 1859, we read: "The P & O Benares left Mauritius with every corner of the ship full of coal, and about 240 tons on deck." This was also well before the days of refrigeration, and the food (on the hoof, with food to sustain it) had also to be embarked. In another letter, from the P & O Pottinger in 1858 "we have a regular farmyard on board, as in addition to the cows we have

about forty sheep and a gazelle and a goat and a kid." Comfort was minimal, and there is a complaining note in a letter from Captain Sir William Symonds, of the P & O Oriental in 1841, pointing out that when the ship was fully laden, the portholes had to be closed for fear of water coming in. "The ladies complained of nauseous smalls and enforcesting ladent. Comfort was minimal, an smells and suffocation, Indeed, the interior of the vessel is in my opinion fil contrived: there is no partition between large, tawdry saloon and the main deck, so that there is all the smell of hot oil, tallow and the disagreeables from mess places of the crew. The nansea also from the places where the

The passengers had to walk through all kinds of dirt to get to their cabins, and Captain Symonds concludes "the main

stock was kept came into the

Contemporary drawings and photographs show ladies and gentlemen dressed up to the nines, collars, ties, jackets, crinolines, everyone wearing a hat, sitting around on deck in the tropical sun at temperatures of over 100 degrees.

The P & O line was started by two men with an eye to the main chance (and to the future): Arthur Anderson, born in Orkney, served in the Royal Navy in 1808 and after the Napoleonic wars, started as a clerk in a shipbroking and agency business in London, founded by Brodie McGhie Willcox. The two men become partners, chartering small vessels to the Spanish Peninsula. They backed the winning side in the civil war in Portugal, and were lucky enough to do the same in the Spanish Civil War a link which enabled them to obtain the contract to carry the Royal Mail to the Peninsular at a contract rate of £29,000 a

During the 1914-18 war. many of the P & O liners were converted to armed merchant cruisers or troopships, and there

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were also many losses. After the war, much larger ships were built, with more consideration given to passenger comfort. In the Mooltan and Maloja (both 20,000 tons) there were no inside cabins and both first and

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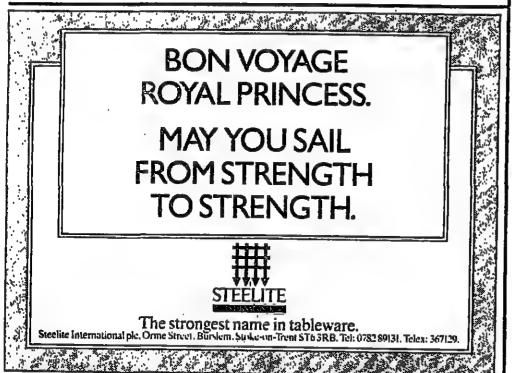
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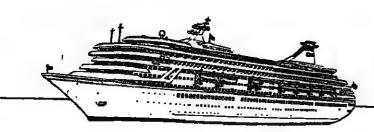
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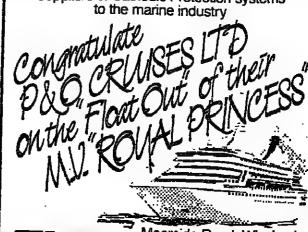


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DECISIONS POSTPONED

Triumphantly, the Government reserve ready to dole out to any yesterday unveiled a white paper designed to prove that public spending is at last under control. That claim has been made toooften in the past to be taken at its face value; there has been a real rise in public expenditure every year since 1979, and today it absorbs 2.5 per cent more of national income than it did in Labour's last year.

But the new plans, implying no further real risc over the next three years, do at last look attainable. Admittedly, the Government is still very bad at forecasting social security spending, which inevitably depends on the number of claimants - it has even had to increase its estimate of next year's bill by £1.300 million during the past few months. The white paper is still too optimistic about Whitehall's degree of control over local authority spending. And its targets for nationalized industries supply of backdoor taxation, in the form of monopoly profits fed into the exchequer, still look over-ambitious. But at last the Treasury has made room within the totals for a reserve against unexpected contingencies that looks adequate.

All this, however, is a meagre harvest from five years of constant struggle over departmental budgets and hasty, illconsidered, last-minute cuts to keep the total under control. Nor is this over. These are only plans, after all; the further sharp cuts they imply in many departments have still to be translated into action. Yet none of them is based on a radical reappraisal of these departments' responsi-bilities. They are still largely based on a nibble here, a squeeze there, with the contingency

Lusaka to set up a joint Angolan-

South African commission to

have to take place on such

questions as: Will the South

Africans really allow the South

West African People's Organiza-

tion (communist creatures of

Moscow in their book) to take

power in Windhoek? And will

the Angolans in the end send the

Perhaps the cheering should

thus be somewhat muted. But

that things have progressed this

far is a diplomatic triumph for

the Americans. Dr Chester

Crocker, the Assistant Secretary

of State for Africa, has worked

long and hard to bring this

about, travelling repeatedly up

and down the African continent.

The Americans are optimistic

(though they admit that things

remain "fragile") that this is the

beginning of the implementation

of Security Council Resolution

435, which calls for a ceasefire

followed by elections and event-

ual independence. The five-

(Britain, Canada, France and

nation Western "contact group"

Cuban troops home?

minister who can get the prime minister on his side. The only difference with these targets is that the contingency reserve is big enough to absorb special pleading or the easing of impossible demands without breaching the overall limit. (The reserve, indeed, is big enough to arouse another suspicion; that Mr Lawson intends to dangle it over his colleagues' heads as a possible source of tax cuts if they can trim their budgets enough.)

Hitting targets is better than missing them; but it is not the real battle. The achievement the Government is now congratulating itself upon, after five years in office, is merely to have checked the upward drift in public spending at a time when rising output should enable it to do better. Even Messrs Callaghan and Healey, scorned by Mrs Thatcher for their economic management, did briefly succeed in making a real dent in public spending in the late 1970s. Yet Mrs Thatcher seems to have lost her ambition to do so. Only last month, on ITV's Weekend World programme, she told Brian Walden that "I do not believe it possible to cut public expenditure below the plans we indicated" the previous year. A welcome realism, perhaps, after the failed ambitions of past public spending reviews - but also an unwelcome note of

defeatism. For this year's public spending plans bear all the signs of decisions postponed. The rise in public spending has not been halted because the Government has got a grip on social security; even over a period when it is assumed that unemployment will discover how quickly they will flatten out, spending on wither and die.

BLACK AND WHITE IN LUSAKA

finding ways to bring this about.

Namibian border is undoubtedly his colleagues who have taken to all concerned. The Namibians

been many previous false dawns negotiations fail, the United send their expensive Cuban

and delicate negotiations still States will be blamed by the protectors home if they could be whole of Africa. But persuading

South Africa to announce three

weeks ago a disengagement of its

forces and a planned withdrawai

from Angola was promising. The

Lusaka agreement (the first such

pact between South Africa and

its black neighbours) looks like

and Swapo (which is notably

absent from Lusaka) remain

deeply mistrustful of South

African motives. And neutral

observers even now find it

difficult to visualize the Pretoria

Government sitting idly by while

elections bring Swapo to power

in Windhoek. The reforming

Prime Minister, Mr Piet Botha,

has enlarged his political base,

but he is still sensitive to the

heavy breathing on his right

from Dr Andries Treurnicht and

his splinter group, the Conserva-

tive Party. To be seen to sell

South West Africa down the

river would have serious politi-

Spokesmen for the Angolans

setting up a momentum.

The agreement reached at West Germany joining the

monitor the ceasefire along the but it has been Dr Crocker and

"an important and constructive charge. They have been respon-

step" towards the eventual sible for bringing into play the independence of Namibia, as the issue of the Cubans in Angola

communique claims. There have (not "linked" but "parallel"). If

benefits goes up by nearly 18 per cent in three years, about 5 per cent faster than inflation. The money to pay for this, and for a hefty rise in defence spending, has been found in a series of thoroughly dubious ways.

المدرا من الرصل

It comes first out of the sale of public sector assets, a once-forall financial boon of about £2,000 million a year between now and 1986-87. This should not be treated in public accounts in the same way as a cut in spending. As a source of funds, it is likely to dry up at just the moment when the Government's other great financial bonus, from North Sea oil, also begins to dwindle, leaving an awkward hole on the other side of the balance sheet for the late 1980s. Even the cuts outlined for specific programmes are the result of a badly-planned squeeze, not of deliberate decisions to alter the role of the state. It has been possible, for example, to trim education because the school population was falling; in the late 1980s that helpful trend will come to an end, before the Government has begun to focus on fundamental

For five years the Government has fought an unrewarding battle to contain spending, with fading enthusiasm and sense of innovation and increasing recourse to the mindless trimming of budgets across the board. Exhaustion with this performance is not an excuse for inaction. Now is the time to plan priorities for the end of the 1980s, with full attention to their economic effect. If the Government tries to rest on its laurels, it

The strength of the American

has been that they had a deal to

offer which could bring benefits

obviously want power. The

Angolans have suffered greatly

from the border war and by all

accounts would also be glad to

sure of no more incursions from

South Africa and if they could

deal with the greatly expanding

power of Unita (the second is a

little attention in the nego-

are pluses to be set against the

internal political minuses. The

huge cost of the war is an

increasing embarrassment in

economic hard times. And the

human cost, about 75 dead a

year, is enough to produce

dangerous protests among whites

against call-up to operational

areas. There is also a strong

argument which says that Swapo

in power would be less of an ogre

than Swapo in exile. Different

personalities would be involved.

and economics would force

pragmatism: Namibia can sur-

vive only by continuing to be

integrated into the South African

economy and dependent on

international capital.

tiations).

Americans) were entrusted with argument over the past months

to associate

From Mr Greville Janner, QC, MP Sir, Article 22 of the International venant on Civil and Political Rights, repeated in article 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights, says this:

Everyone shall have the right to freedom of association with others, including the right to form and join trade unions for the protection of his interests.

It is apparent that the remarkable statement of Mr Dennis Chiles (February 14), "The right to form and join trade unions is surely not a basic human right...", expresses a somewhat eccentric view and certainly not one which accords with

international law and understanding. The Government's real problem with GCHQ and international law arises not out of the agreed, clear and fundamental right of any citizen to protect his interests through belonging to a trade union, but rather to the extent of the exceptions.

In the unhappy event of the Government carrying out its inten-tions, contrary to the recommendations of the Select Committee on Employment, upon which I am privileged to serve, I would be surprised if it does not face legal action - and equally surprised if it is not in breach of its obligations in international law.

As always, though, the law should only be the outward garb of morality. That the Government's action is ill-advised, ill-considered wrong-headed is a view common to most MPs of all parties

as the select committee's report clearly indicates.

Yours faithfully. GREVILLE JANNER House of Commons. February 15.

Food for thought

From Mr Ralph Rogers

Sir, Your leading article today (February 15) criticises those African governments which, to please their urban populations, have kent food prices so low that there is insufficient incentive for their farmers to produce.

As a result no stocks have been built up and there is famine in years of poor harvest.

On the opposite page David Hart fulminates against British farmers who, helped by the policies of the EEC (not to mention their own hard work) are able to produce some surplus of food in years of normal harvest. Sir. which policy would most

consumers prefer - one which produces food or famine? l am, Sir, your obedient agricultural

servant, RALPH ROGERS, -Court Lodge. Horton Kirby,

Nr Dartford, Kent. February 15.

A breath of India

very big "if" which has received From Mr Richard Rhodes James Sir. How wrong Ferdinand Mount (feature, February 13) is about The Jewel in the Crown! For the South Africans there

I write as a member of the Raj. I spent my early childhood in India and i returned, at about the same time as Paul Scott, to join the Inidian Army. My father spent forty years in India. Numerous relatives spent their lifetime there. I breathed the Raj.

I read Paul Scott's work with a mounting conviction that this was the India I knew. And to commemmorate the anniversary of his death I spelt out my wonder at his achievement in a talk on the radio. The words I used then I stick to absolutely: "Those of us who were a

part of the Raj are grateful to him for the trouble he took over us. Now, if we're asked what it was really like, we can say with confidence, "Read Paul Scott". Yours faithfully, RICHARD RHODES JAMES,

15 Almoners Avenue. Cambridge. February 13.

Medical arithmetic

From Professor I. M. Richardson

Sir. Mr Richard Wakeford's letter

(February 11) contains the mislead-ing statement that this university is

soon to be without five major clinical professors. Despite a much

above average cut in recurrent grant

since 1981 this medical school has

never been without five clinical professors and is indeed about to

advertise the regius chairs of

medicine, surgery, and obstetrics/

gynaecology; moreover this univer-

sity has recently endowed from

private funds a new clinical department of ophthalmology and

appointed its first professor and

head of department from the spring

May I assure your readers that

Aberdeen is, and will continue to be,

known nationally and inter-nationally as much for the quality of

its medical graduates as for its

central role in the production of oil.

We see no case for any significant

reduction in the output and export

of this year.

of either commodity.

Faculty of Medicine.

Aberdeen. February 14.

University of Aberdeen,

Severn crossing

birds with one stone?

A. T. MacMILLAN.

91 Cadogan Gardens, SW3

Yours faithfully,

February 8.

From Mr A. T. MacMillan

Sir. Would it not be possible to combine a new crossing of the river Severn with the much thought about

Severn Barrage, thereby killing two

I. M. RICHARDSON, Dean,

THE OMAN CONTRACT

cal consequences.

Although some of his insin- the Sultan Qaboos university uations are unpleasant and his and teaching hospital. Simullatest line of questioning is taneously her son, Mr Mark irrelevant, incompetent and the rest of whatever it is lawers say about each other. Mr Peter Shore is justified in having pressed the Prime Minister for a fuller statement about her part in the Oman university deal in 1981. ated. Mother and son met twice, Our political culture - and this is one of its better features -, is strict about the separation of public duty and private financial interest. It demands that men and women in public life, especially ministers of the Crown and above all prime ministers, do not put themselves in a position in which there is, or appears to be, a conflict between public duty and private interest. Sir Winston Churchill when prime minister expressed the matter in the form of a rule almost exactly in those terms. It is Parliament's business to be alert to possible infractions.

The appearance of there being here the sort of conflict between duty and family interest that ministers are supposed to be careful to avoid arises from the fact that while she was in Oman the Prime Minister was, as she is, happy to relate, strenuously promoting the claims of Britain to be the recipient of orders the Omani government was then placing for the construction of

Thatcher, was in the country in the capacity of businessman fishing in the same water for a contract on behalf of Cementation International with which he was remuneratively associonce in Abu Dhabi just before they went independently of each other into Oman, and again in the environs of the Sultan of Oman's summer palace two days later. Cementation was, as it happened, the only British firm

after that contract at the time. When almost three years later news of Mr Mark Thatcher's part in the affair reached the newspapers and the Prime Minister began to be asked questions in Parliament, it was not easy for her to know how best to respond. What she did was to say briefly and several times that she was out there batting for Britain by doing what she could to steer the Omani orders in Britain's direction; that she does not and did not on that occasion discriminate between British companies: and that she answers in the House of Commons for her actions as Prime Minister not for the actions of members of her

family going about their own affairs The framework of that re- quickly as it arose.

sponse was appropriate. She gave at least some account of her official activity in the matter of the Oman contract, and she is most certainly not answerable for her son's business activities. But its brevity and intended finality did not fully take account of the unwelcome fact that there was in the situation described an appearance of conflict between public duty and private interest and that there were legitimate questions to be asked. She should have been more forthcoming.

As for Mr Mark Thatcher, the criticism would be that he was trading on his mother's name in a business matter in which she too was active in line with her public duties, and that this was going on in an environment which would be likely to exaggerate the influence he would derive from his relationship.

The Prime Minister is quite right not to be drawn into assuming responsibility for her son's business dealings. All the more reason why she should be as open and informative as possible about the official steps that were taken with a view to securing the Omani orders. Had she done so the affair would probably have died away as

Freedom at GCHQ Judges' powers and union rights that binding collective agreements should be "encouraged" (as they were under the 1971 legislation). In

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Professor Lord Wedderburn of Charlton, FBA

Sir. The Master of the Rolls, Sir John Donaldson (report, February 15) calls for more "trade union rights" in order that judges should have expanded powers to settle industrial disputes. Rights cannot be discussed in the abstract; we need concrete examples.

Would they include a union right in law to bargain (repealed 1980), or effective rights to consultation and information (now proposed by the EEC, opposed by the Government). or restored and expanded rights to fair wages for the low paid (progressively repealed from 1980 to 983)? In all, what measure of fairness will be used?

Would a judge have power to restore to employment workers improperly dismissed (a sanction which existing laws cannot enforce)? Would courts enforce employment in the case of workers arbitrarily refused work (not only in sex or racial discrimination cases but also after blacklist embargo or refusal of engagement by reason of political or other prejudice)?

Above all, would the court enforce a right to work? The right that is top of most trade unionists' agenda is the right to a job. Would trade union rights include preference for members in engagement?

Sir John seems to be rather more specific about the price to be paid, Industrial "warfare" outside the courtroom is to end. The right to 'self-help" (usually known as the right to withdraw labour) is to be discouraged and eventually forbid-

This is in line with his comments to Government in 1983. He adds

posals. One recalls the somewhat

to have the jurisdiction to tell the public who is "right" in industrial disputes. This fallacious, corporatist belief that most disputes can and

must be settled by reference to what a High Court judge thinks is "reasonable" vitiates such prosimilar proposals of Conservative barristers in A Giant's Strength in 1958. Legislation cannot turn conflicts

of interests into conflicts of rights just by saying so. Arbitration is not adjudication.

Workers will not in the long run accept regulation on such matters unless it rests upon a social consensus about the distribution of power and wealth which, in our society today, is less secure than ever since the war.

Judges who demand draconian powers to forbid workers to abstain from working must, whatever well intentioned bundles of rights they offer, remember with Lord Atkin that the legal right to choose constitutes in employment "the main difference between a servant and a serf".

Yours sincerely. WEDDERBURN OF CHARLTON. 29 Woodside Avenue,

Highgate, N6. February 15.

Female circumcision

From Lord Kennet and others Sir, May we, who are promoting the

Abolition of Female Circumcision Bill in the House of Lords, comment on the letter of the President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (February 8)? He asks to what extent this

mutilation is now practised among us. We kn ow it is happening, but we do not know how much; it is something people do not readily talk about. Perhaps gynaecologists are themselves the people most likely to know the extent. In this respect, as in others, we would welcome all the help which the royal colleges, each in its special position, can give.

Sir Rustam Feroze wonders who, under the Bill, would judge what was physically normal and what was an abnormality, and thus whether a given operation was legal or not. The answer is, it must be a registered

medical practitioner. The Bill does not allow "mental health" (as opposed to "physical health" or "abnormality") as a reason for operation. The exclusion of "mental health" as a reason to allow an operation on a healthy and physically normal girl or woman is not based on spurious racial grounds, but on very sound ones which have been roundly endorsed by the Commission for Racial

Equality. They are that mental health can only be included by specifically banning someone's "cus-tom and ritual", for the first time in modern history. On the same day that Sir Rustam wrote his letter, the Lords rejected an amendment to include mental health, after full and informed discussion.

Sir Rustam writes: "The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists has stated publicly that it is opposed to ritual circumcision in any form and does not oppose a Bill to ban it in the United Kingdom. We question... the need for the Bill...". That is not as clear and helpful an expression of the college's attitude as we might hope. The Bill can still be amended at

third reading in the Lords. We urge all those concerned to take into account not only the surgical side of this complex matter, but also the social, racial, and psychological aspect. Parliament is there to produce good law, and this is best done with the willing help and cooperation of all whose experience is

Yours etc. KENNET. MASHAM OF ILTON, SEEAR, House of Lords.

February 9.

Countryside heritage

From Mrs D. Henrion

Sir, Correspondents attempting to rebut Lord Meichett's letter (February 6) all have one thing in common, that they are so busy trying to score minor points that they completely fail to address the substance of his case. If, according to Mr George Curtis, Peter Melchett is "bleating", his opponents are bray-

may well be that in the particular case under discussion the hedgerows were cut down for their own good; even so, where the land is already largely denuded, even the temporary destruction of cover is a setback for the wildlife of the area. But the important point is that

whatever the truth about the contribution to our landscape and wildlife of past farming methods. modern farming methods are still steadily depleting wild life habitats. The actual figures for this destruc-tion can be found in the Nature Conservancy Council Habitat Report, but the basic facts have been known and repeated ad nauseam for at least the past decade, yet still the powers-that-be turn a deaf ear and a blind eye. One wonders whether they don't believe the facts or just don't care.

Even Sites of Special Scientific

Importance, which are supposed to be protected by the Countryside and Wildlife Act, are being continuously damaged and encroached upon before the NCC has time, with its very small staff, to put the provisions of the Act into operation. In the rest of the countryside the few remaining wildlife habitats - wood-lands, wetlands, hedgerows, heaths etc are totally unprotected and at the

That is why planning controls should be applied to agriculture, as they are to every other industry or individual. The idea that farmers should be free to do as they like with their own property is quite inappropriate when their property happens to consist of the entire countryside, which is also the only home of our native flora and fauna, everything

Contrary to the apparent official nature reserves, which we may visit in coachloads on selected weekends?

D. HENRION

Fate of Temple Bar

From the Chairman of the Temple Bar Trust and others

Sir, The inspector who presided over the recent public enquiry into the differing views about Temple Bar once again the arguments which were submitted to the inspector over a period of four days; but, in view of the letter you publish today (February 8) from the Duke of Grafton and others, all of whom were witnesses or were represented at the enquiry, we must at least, with your permission, make certain facts clear. gateway to the City of London, is private property; it stands on land privately owned; there is no public access to it though our endeavours to protect it from vandalism have unfortunately only had a limited

owner, or of ourselves, that this important piece of architecture, of such historical interest, should be left in a country wood. 3. We do not consider it sensible

Borough of Broxbourne, is support-

mercy of agriculturists.

view, "nature" is not a sectional interest of a few cranks and scientists; it is essential to the health and happiness of all. Do we want it relegated to a handful of "zoos", ie

Yours faithfully, 13 Owistone Road, Cambridge. February 13.

has not yet published his report, and in these circumstances we think it would be inappropriate to rehearse 1. Temple Bar, the only surviving

2 It is not either the wish of the partly to repair it where it is and

then leave it once more uncared for and unprotected and unseen. 4. In the district where it is now located the local authority, the

ing our proposal to take Temple Bar back to the City. 5. There is no record known to us of any practical steps having been taken at any time by any of the distinguished bodies whose representatives have written to you, to protect, repair, safeguard or otherwise look after Temple Bar where it is. It was only after the City Corporation had granted us plan-ning permission to re-erect Temple

6. So far as we are aware, none of the opposing organisations have any funds whatever to implement their proposals, nor have they borne any of the expenses of protecting Temple Bar where it stands, nor have they offered to do so.

Bar in the City that this opposition

7. They overlook altogether that if Temple Bar is left where it is, partly repaired, there will be a continuing custodial expense, which clearly they are not going to meet. S. An important part of our funds has been subscribed for the return of Temple Bar to the City.

We are, Sir, yours faithfully, HUGH WONTNER (Chairman, Temple Bar Trust),
TIM SINGLETON (Vice-Chairman),
DAVID FLOYD EWIN, D. M. DONALDSON, DOUGLAS E BREEZE (Trustees) MARTYN BECKETT (Architect),

Savoy Hill, WC2.

Andropov's effect on Soviet press

From Miss Olga Franklin Britain the main effect in law of that Sir. Alas, poor Yuri (V, Andropov)! step is judicial enforcement of So few nice words. I followed his procedure clauses by injunction against unions and workers. To "forbid" workers to use "self-help" means ordering them to work. career line by line through Pravda, Investia, the famous Lucraturnaya Gazeta, etc. and I feel justice ought to be seen to be done in the pages of In 1975 Sir John called for judges

The Times. For one thing, he much improved the whole Moscow standard of journalism. This was not easy in so conservative a world as the USSR. so that even rumours of his own approaching death had to be severely muted. It seems I was the only monitor of the Soviet press to notice almost a month ago that Pravda was trying to say that he was dead or dying. After noticing the "obituary" type material being published about him. I said on Weekend Weman's Hour (Radio 4) that Andropov would "never be seen in public again".

The whole Soviet press changed for the better when he took power. His first action was to allow a Prarda editorial denouncing itself and the whole Soviet media for "sloganising, phrase-making", Both paper and print improved so that it is now possible to read the Moscow papers without eyesight damage.

He permitted more freedom of the press than ever before. The Izvestia woman's supplement gave almost a whole page to a sex-andcrime story of a conman who murdered a shop manageress in the town of Ivanovo, with a short account of the trial and the man being condemned to death.

He allowed it to be revealed for the first time since the Revolution in 1917 that the Soviet Union does not have a welfare state. He allowed the Literaturnaya Gazeta to publish a whole page of letters from readers revealing that there is no automatic maternity grant, or pension, or any other financial support from the Government and that cases of destitution have no choice between the poor house and the charity of friends or factory colleagues. (This was revealed in the fuss over some 3,380 unmarried mothers who besieged the courtroom in Tashkent last autumn to try and get some maintenance from runaway young

fathers.) Certainly all this limited "freedom" was permitted in the name of greater work discipline to try and improve Soviet productivity. Surely the important thing is that Mr Andropov had the courage to do it nevertheless, it would therefore be a pity to allow him to be buried without one single tribute. Yours respectfully. OLGA FRANKLIN,

5 Bishams Court. Caterham, February 14.

From Mr William Douglas-Home Sir, Your leader writer told us this morning (repruary 14) that the Soviet leaders will continue to devote a disportionate amount of their time to promoting their own careers".

A result of Western influence no WILLIAM DOUGLAS-HOME.

Drayton House, East Meon, Hampshire. February 14.

Animal experiments

From Mr Brian Gunn

Sir. According to your report (February 15) concerning the experi-ments performed on live animals at the Chemical Warfare Centre at Porton Down, Mr John Lee, Under Secretary of State for Defence, refuses to reveal the precise details of this cruel research, even though the experiments are carried out in the name of the public and paid for with taxpayers' money.

Surely we have the right to know

how our money is being spent? In particular, the ministry must reveal exactly what experiments are being performed on live animals at Porton Down, the total numbers of each species of animal involved in this research and, most importantly, whether any unimals used in these obnoxious experiments are allowed to recover from the anaesthetic. when administered, and suffer whatever pain might ensue.

It appears that there is no legislation at all to control these experiments, as even the totally inadequate Cruelty to Animals Act of 1876 governing vivisection need not apply to the Crown. Experiments on live animals concerned with warfare research are

deeply offensive to millions of people in this country and this society calls for an immediate ban on all research of this nature. Yours faithfully.

BRIAN GUNN General Secretary. The National Anti-Vivisection Society Limited. 51 Harley Street, W1. February 16.

Wheels within wheels

From Mr Jack Adrian Sir. "Got out of his pram" may well

be a colloquialism rife in Islwyn's corridors of power, but I think what Mr Neil Kinnock really meant was

"went off his trolley".

This means precisely what I suspect Mr Kinnock was getting at when referring to Mr George Shultzthat he was "on the hinge" or "over the edge" or even "off the roof" - in short, that Mr Shultz "wigged out utterly". Yours faithfully.

JACK ADRIAN Clematis Cottage, Bury End Street, Cradley, Near Malvern, Worcester,

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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February 16: The Queen, Patron, this morning attended a Service of Thanksgiving to mark the Diamond Jubike of the British Leprosy Relief Association (President, Mr Chris Bonington; Chairman, Sir Gawain Bell) at All Hallows-by-the-Tower. Byward Street, London, EC3.

Her Majesty was received on arrival by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Dame Mary Donaldson) and the Vicar of All Hallows-by-the-Tower (the Reverend Peter Dela-

The Address was given by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Blessing by the Bishop of London. Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Robert Fellowes and Major Hugh Lindsay

Mr C. W. Goldsmith and Miss E. J. Rodgers

Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.

Dr A. B. Hawthorne

and Miss K. Ebrahim

of Dulwich, London,

Mr I. Hemsley-Hetherington

and Miss E. J. Hodgson

and Miss B. M. Ansdell

Gloucestershire.

Mr A. J. V. G. Lake

and Miss K. P. Jones

Mr R. J. Martia and Miss G. M. Mountain

Dr J. J. Payne-James

Seminar

and Miss H. S. Bevan-Jones

The engagement is announced between Barnabas, son of Professor and Mrs J. N. Hawthorne, of Nottingham, and Karnila, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Z. Ebrahim,

The engagement is announced between lain, elder son of Mr and

Mrs J. Helherington. of Blyth, Northumberland, and Emma, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. O. Hodgson, of Neasham, Durham.

The engagement is announced between Andrew Mark, third son of the Rev Peter and Mrs Jeffries and

Belinda Mary, younger daughter of Mr & Mrs Peter Ansdell, both of Ampney St Peter, Cirencester,

The engagement is announced

between Adrian John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs G. V. Lake, of Vyne Cottage. Dorchester. Oxfordshire, and Kate Pandorah, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. K. Jones, of Old School House, Henley-on-Thames.

The engagement is announced

between Raymond, only son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Martin, of Eastcote,

Middlesca, and Gillian, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. O.

The engagement is announced

between Jason, elder son of Dr and Mrs Ian Payne-James, of Copdock, Suffolk, and Hilary, daughter of Dr and Mrs Harri Bevan-Jones, of

English-Speaking Union of Sri

The English-Speaking Union of Sri Lanka held a seminar in Colombo

fraction of a second, and

possessing the ability to

remain in their changed state

until energy extracted from

them allows a reversal to their

According to a report in the latest issue of Nature from a group of scientists who have been working with Professor

Thomas Moore of Arizona

State University, one of the

main obstacles to the develop-

ment of an artificial photo-

synthetic system has been

They have discovered the

trick of using a combination of

materials which when exposed

to 100 picosecond flashes of

original state.

Mr C. Amery and Lady Lucinda Lambton The engagement is announced between Colin Amery, of 27a Upper Montagu Street, London, W1, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Amery, and Lucy Lambton, of The Old Rectory, Hedgeriey, Bucks, daughter of Lord

Forthcoming

marriages

and Lady Lambion. Mr A. H. Walton and the Hon Mary Butler and the Hon Mary batter.

The cogagement is announced between Alastair Henry, only son of Sir Raymond and Lady Walton, of Wimbledon, London, and Mary Synolda, eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Dunboyne, of Chelsea, London.

Mr P. L. Catchlove and Miss S. L. Griffith The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. L. Catchlove, of Sydney, Australia, and Sarah, daughter of Mr J. E. Griffith, of Mallorca. Spain. and Mrs S. Griffith, of Eashing.

and Miss J. D. Nolan

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Carter, of Bedale, North Yorkshire, and Jenny, daughter of Mr Leonard Nolan and the late Mrs Pam Nolan, of Hightown, Mersey-

Mr H. W. P. Clarke and Miss P. A. Bell

The engagement is announced between Hugh, eldest son of Dr T. Clarke, of Upton Pyne, and Mrs J. Clarke, of Lympstone, and Philippa nn. eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. Bull of Virginia Water.

Mr J. M. Freemag and Miss D. H. Tomkinson

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Freeman, of 65 Hillgrove tershire, and Heather, daughter of Elfords, Heightington, Worcester-

Aldro School

A presentation will be made on July 7 to the Headmaster of Aldro School, Mr Crispin Hill, to mark his retirement. If you have not already been invited please contact the Sectetary, Aldro. Shackleford, Godalming GU8 6AS.

Scientists have been trying for

processes of photosypthesis in

the laboratory. The rewards which could flow from

subsequent developments in

agriculture, solar energy

conversion and storage, and for the chemical industry are

The immediate goal of the

research is to discover a combination of compounds which, then assembled in a

test tube, will behave in the

ame way as different types of

photochemical reaction centres

in plants and algae where

photosynthesis occurs. The difficulties include finding

stable molecules, capable of a

photochemical change in a

The President of the Republic of Zimbabwe visited The Queen at Buckingham Palace today.

The President of the Republic of Zimbabwe visited The Queen at Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon

CLARENCE HOUSE February 16: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited the Hepburn Starey Blind Aid Society at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, Lady Elizabeth Basset and Sir

Martin Gilliat were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE February 16: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, today attended the launch of the Farming and Wildlife Trust at the Royal Society

of Arts, John Adam Street, London, Mr John Higgs was in attendance. February 16: The Duke of

Gloucester was present at a Reception given by the Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers to mark the Quincentenary of the Grant of their Charter by Richard

Bland was in attendance. YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE February 16: The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, today visited Helen House Hospice at Oxford. Mr David Napier was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE February 16: Princess Alexandra, President of World Wildlife Fund -United Kingdom, this afternoon received Sir Arthur Norman upon relinquishing the appointment as Chairman and Mr T. A. P. Walker

upon assuming this appointment.

Her Royal Highness and the Hon
Angus Ogilvy were present this
evening at the Mountbatten Festival
of Music by the Massed Bands of Her Majesty's Royal Marines at the Royal Albert Hall. Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

Mr M. W. Holmes and Miss S. A. Browne

The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of Mr The engagement is announced between Cosmo, son of Mr and Mrs William Goldsmith, of Hambledon, and Mrs Maurice Holmes, of Boughton Court, near Faversha Hampshire, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Rodgers, of and Sally, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs N. P. Browne, of Doghouse

Mr C. F. Robinson and Miss R. J. Mayor

Farm, Petham, nr Canterbury.

The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs H. M. Robinson, of Penshurst, Kent, and Rosemary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Mayor, of St David's College, Llandudno.

and Miss S. Brassington The engagement is announce between Panl, only son of Mr and Mrs F. Rooney, of Formby, Mcrseyside, and Susan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Brassington, of Wistaston, Cheshire.

and Miss F. H. Herzberg The engagement is announced between Alan, eldest son of Nadji and Gladys Khazam, and Faye, only daughter of Edward and Pearl

Marriages

Mr R. Henson and Mrs S. Turner The marriage took place in London vesterday of Mr Robert Henson and Mrs Sarah Turner.

Mr D. McCabe and Miss H. Godfrey Mr David McCabe and Miss Honor Godfrey were married in Mel-bourne, Australia on St Valentine's

and Mrs R. M. Mollat

The marriage took place quietly in Winchester on February 16 of Mr Roger Miller, of Sunningdale, Roger Miller, of Sunningdale, Berkshire, and Mrs Roslyn Moffat, of Little Missenden, Buckingham

Mr Michael Wynne-Parker, Vice-President of the English-Speaking Union of Sri Lanka, was the principal speaker, assisted by Mr Justice H. Rodrigo, Mr Bakeer Marker, Minister without Portfolio, and Dr Neville Karunatillek. on February 15 on the role of English in promoting peace, amity and unity in a multicultural society. Deputy Governor of the Bank of Sri Lanka. Sir Razik Farecd proposed a vote of thanks.

Science report

Throwing light on test-tube photosynthesis

photons of solar radiation. produces a stable but reversible change. (A picosecond is one-million millionth of a

Several types of reaction

centre exist in photosynthetic

organisms. Higher plants and

algae, which use water as the

source of electrons and protons

to help break down carbon

dioxide during the photo-

synthesis reaction, contain two

types of reaction centre known simply as photosystem one

which do not go through the process of oxidizing water to

reduce carbon dioxide but

more reactive sub-

and photosystem two.

Photosynthetic

second.)

Mr R. I. Kenyon-Slamey
A service of thanksgiving for the life
of Mr Robert Ivan Kenyon-Slaney
was held on Saturday, February II,
at St Andrew's Church, Shifinal,
Shrupshire. Canon Keith Wilkes
officiated, assisted by the Rev John
Turner and Mrs John Thoracycroft.
Mr Rupert, Mr Thomas and Miss
Natisetha Kenyon-Slaney fenne and Natasha Kenyon-Slaney (sons and daughter) read the lessons and Canon Wildes gave an address.

Memorial services

daughter) read the lessons and Canon Wildes gave an address. Among those presents were:

Mrs Robin Kenyon-Staney (widow), Mr and Mrs Robin Compton forother-in-law and staney forothers and control (mother-in-law), Mr and Mrs Holman Palon-Smith and Mr and Mrs William Palon-Smith and Mr and Mrs William Palon-Smith and Mr and Mrs Holman Palon-Smith and Mr and Mrs Holman Palon-Smith and Mr and Mrs Holman Christopher Smallwoot, Mr and Mrs Holman Christopher Smallwoot, Mr and Mrs Holman Mrs Holman Christopher Smallwoot, Mr and Mrs Holman Mrs

Mr J. Le Mesurier

A memorial service for Mr John Le Mesurler was held at the Actors' Church, St Paul's. Covent Garden, esterday. The Rev Michael Hurst-Bannister, Senior Chaptain of the Mr Bill Pertwee gave an address and Mr Moray Watson read a prayer.

Receptions

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a reception given at 10 Downing Street yesterday evening for entre-preneurs and small businessmen. Virs L. Leifland

The Swedish Ambassador and Mrs The Swedish Ambassador and Mrs Leif Leifland were hosts at a reception held at their residence, 27 Portland Place, yesterday in honour of Mr and Mrs Robert Maxwell. At of Mr and Mrs Robert Maxwell was the reception, Mr Maxwell was presented with the insignia of the Swedish Royal Order of the Polar Star in recognition of services rendered to the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences and the Swedish Nobel Foundation.

Dinners

Hunterian Society
The Hunterian Society held its anniversary dinner at the Savoy Hotel yesterday, Dr N. P. Elliott Burrows, president, was in the chair and the principal guests included the Rev Lord Soper and Mr Wynford Vaughan-Thomas. Butchers' Company

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, was the Shernis and their ladies, was welcomed by the Master of the Butchers' Company, Mr John W. Brewster, at the annual ladies' dinner held at Butchers' Hall last might. Other guests included:

Mrs Peggy Fenner, MP, and Mr Bernard

Fenner, the Master of the Engineers'
Company and Lady Gataden and the
Deacon of the Incorporation of Fleshers of
Clesgow and Mrs Jackson.

Trade Policy Research Centre Mr Paul Keating, Federal Treasurer. Government of Australia, Canberra, was the guest of honour at a Trade Policy Research Centre dinner beld at the Café Royal last night. Mr Neil Clarke presided and the Australian High Commissioner was among the

Services dinner Royal Naval College Greenwich A silver jubilee dinner was held at the Royal Naval College Greenwich

last night after the conferment of

stances such as hydrogen

sulphide and organic acids for

that purpose, contain only one

Despite those fundamental

chemical differences, all photo-

synthetic reaction centres

consist of a chromophore (P),

which is always a chlorophyll

molecule that absorbs light

energy, and a closely associ-

ated electron donor (D) and

acceptor (A). The chemical nature of D and A can vary.

But in most cases the acceptor

Professor Moore and his

collaborators have synthesized

a very stable molecule which

mimics the photochemical

is quinone.

type of reaction centre.

Mr Mark Eden, Mr Ian Lavender, Mr Kenny Clayton and singers from the Players' Theatre also took part in the service. Among those present

in the service. Among those present were:

We T. E. Mesurier rwidow! Mr Kim Le Missurier csont. Mr Devid Mailin estopson).

Mr Terry Long forotherin-lawy: in Mon Lew York Control of the Missurier and Mailines. Mr Frank Williams. Mr Barry American Mr Frank Williams. Mr David Croft. Mr Junny Perry. Mr Pol McKenna. Mr Devid Night Williams. Mr David Croft. Mr Junny Perry. Mr Pol McKenna. Mr Pered Night Mask Wall. Mr Edward Josée Robert Beatly. Miss John Mr Edward Josée Robert Beatly. Miss John David Marmer and Ress. Mr and Mrs Bitt State. Mr Senten Marspeles. Mr Mark Eden. Miss Janot Hargreèves. Mr Stephen Love. Mr Ellis Achton (British Mask Hall Society). Mr John Jacques. Mr Mark Hall Society! Mr Peter Campbell. Miss Woods Richards. Mr Bruce Copp. Mr Martin Tickner. Mr Julian Courtesay. Miss Nancy Seabrooke. Mr Free Campbell. Miss Woods Richards. Mr Bruce Copp. Mr Martin Tickner. Mr Julian Courtesay. Miss Nancy Seabrooke. Mr Free Kilborn (Ello Artes Books). Mr George Barues (Variety Artes Fredration). Mr A J G Cocket Office (Landon Weeleand Tolevision). Mr Gordon Daties. Miss Marter Davies and Miss Jane Leigh-Breese Mr A. Clayre

A memorial service for Mr Alasdair Clayre was held at St James's Piccadilly, yesterday. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated, assisted by the Rev Ian Thomson. Mr David Mr Peter Montagnon, Miss Frankie Armstrong, Mr Peter Levi, Shusha, Deaconess Bernadette Hingley, Mr Ivor Bolton, Mr Andrew Parrott and Mr Nick Bicat also took part in the service. Among those present

WERE

Mrs D Clayre (mother). Mrs B Clayre and
Mr Alasciar Clayre: Viscountess Enter.
Lord Moyne. Lord Sherfield, Lary Briggs.
Mrs and Mrs Douglass Jazy, the Hon, Mark.
Bomham Carter. the Hoh Mrs Promo
Morgan the Hon Mrs Brigdle Westerna, the
Hon William Piowdon, the Hon Mrs W G
Runciman. Lady Aviglor Coldsands, SirJohn and Mr Hon Lady Roddel. All South
College, Onderd. and Lady Neff. Sir Weller
Oakeshot, Sir Affred and Lady Ayer. Mrs
David Pryce-Jones. Miss Jensica PryceJones. Mrs Peter Monlagnon, Mr and Mrs
Anthon's Sampson. Mr Peter Eyre. Mr and
Mrs Adriam Milchell. Mr Peter Jay. Mr
Franch Sirwell. Mr John Howfins.
Mr P I. Dickinson. Mr Mark Waddington.
Mrs Pourcan. Mr Septem Keynes. Mr
James Teacher, Miss Davina Lleyd. Mr and
Mrs David Lyness. Mr H V Hodson. Mr
Maunice Collog. (Ash Films). Dr Jong
Chang. Miss Carol Hastam (Channet 4) with
Mr Justin Dukes and Miss Heien Kennard.
Mr Collin Staw. Mr and Mrs D J Faulkiner,
Professor and Mrs Ronald Deworkin. Dr
and Mrs Aopus Machinyte. Mr and mr D J Faulkiner,
Professor and Mrs Ronald Deworkin. Dr
and Mrs Aopus Machinyte. Mr and Mrs D.
Faulth Whitehesd. Under Mr and Mrs D.
Faulth Whitehesd. Under Mr and Mrs D.
Faulth Howard Class Chem. Mr Andon.
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Walnesley, Mr Ben Whitaker, Mr and Mrs
John Hale. Mr Duff Hart-Davis, Mr Tom
Cherwyod and Mr Michael Horowitz.

Master of Science degrees and postgraduate awards to graduands and former students Department of Nuclear Science and Technology. The principal guest was Sir Walter Marshall, Director of the Central Electricity Generating Board, Professor J. R. A. Lakey, Director of the Department of Nuclear Science and Technology, presided and Vice-Admiral Sir Simon Cassels, Admiral President was among those present

Association of Consulting Engineers Association of Consulting Engineers, Mr P. L. Martin, Chairman of the Association of Consulting Engineers, presided at the association's annual dinner held at the Hilton International hotel last night.

Mountbatten Festival

Princess Alexandra and the Hor Angus Ogilvy were the principal guests at the second 1984 Mountbatten Festival of Music given by the massed bands of the Royal Marines, in the Albert Hall last night in aid of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, Royal Marines and other charities. The Commandant General Royal Marines and Lady Pringle were the hosts. Other guests included: nosts. Unier guests included:
The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces and Lady Treigame. the Controller of the Navy and Lady Bryson, the Vice-President of the Master of the Company of Stationers' and Arest Hall Council and Mrs Muss, the Master of the Company of Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' and Mrs Rivington, the Master of the Company of Plateterers' and Mrs Tylen, the Chairman of the Malcolin Surgent Cancer Fund for Children, Miss hajvis Dustey and Mrs O A C Hookins.

Birthdays today

Mr John Allegro. 61: Mr Alan Bates 50; Sir Eric Clayson, 76; the Earl of Elgin, 60; Lord Foot, 75; Mr Barry Humphries. 50: Lord Kearton, 73 Humphries, 50: Lord Kearlon, 73: Miss Julia McKenzie, 42; General Sir John Mogg, 71: Sir Orby Mootham, 83: Professor Claire Palley, 53; Mr W. R. J. Pullen, 62; Mr T. C. Ravensdale, 79; the Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP, 55: Sir Gordon Slynn, 54; Mr Elleston Treyor 64.

centres. It consists of three

electrochemically linked parts.

tetraarylporphyrin which has a structure and light-absorp-

tion properties comparable to

those of chlorophyll. The

acceptor is quinone and the

donor is a substance synthe-

sized to be a substitute for a

plant pigment called beta-

carotene which is sometimes

present in photosynthesis

The discovery could be

exploited in a solar cell in

which the molecule would

catalyze further secondary

reactions which generate a usable chemical or electrical

The chromophore used is

MISS ETHEL MERMAN Star of Broadway musicals

Thereafter she was in regular

demand in big band Broadway musicals and in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s starred in

some of the major stage

offerings of the period, includ-

ing Anything Goes. DuBarry

Was A Lady, Call Me Madam.

Annie Get Your Gun and Gvosv.

Long before the end of this run

of successes she could contem-

plate with equanimity her

reputation as "the golden

Her quality was that of a quintessentially stage, raucous -

in the latter days even blousy -

talent, and it belonged very much on the boards. She did

not transfer terribly well to the

screen and although she did pay

visits to London she remained

in the end something essentially

transatlantic of genesis. English

PHILIPPE ARIES

population increase between the

For it was then, Aries argued,

that two important changes

16th and the 18th centuries.

childhood was discovered

Contemporary

its own qualities, character-

istics, problems and privileges.

complaints that the family was

on the decline thus struck Aries

as historically unfounded. For

if. as he argued, the nuclear

family such as we know it is so

relatively recent a phenomenon,

we should be more aware of

how different we are from the

much looser arrangements of

the medieval period, and

consequently much less dis-

posed to deplore the disappear-

context, scarcely had time to

controversial work, Western Attitudes towards Death: From

the Middle Ages to the Present,

Like his later and more

find its feet.

foghoru".

Ethel Merman, who died on February 15, at the age of 75, was a singing star who carried unique qualities into the world of Broadway musicals.

Eschewing singing lessons. apparently on the advice of George Gershwin, she nevertheless came to be known by the quality - and sheer quantity - of her voice. This was variously described as being 'not human' (Toscanini): 'All in one register' (Pavarotti); and 'down to good lungs' (herself).

It was well known to need no amplification in the largest of halls. Cole Porter is reported to have said it was 'like a brass band going by'. Ethel Merman did not mind. She knew well her own power to quell the orchestra which accompanied her. The bigger the band, the better she often warned arrangers.

Her place in the history of Broadway is assured by her creation of the principal roles in Annie Get Your Gun and Call Me Madam.

She was born Ethel Zimmerman in New York in 1909 but dispensed with the preliminary sylable of her surname as being of an inconvenient length for fitting across vaudeville posters. She worked for a while as a secretary until George Gershwin gave her a supporting role in Girl Cra-y. This role gave her merely one song, but it was "I Got Rhythm" and her performance of it rivetted the composer.

Philippe Aries, the French historian and demographet died in Paris on February 8 at the age of 69. He was one of the most interesting widely read and controversial historians of his day, and his work was widely discussed - and criticized - in Britian and the United States.

as well as in his native country. Ariès was born in Blois on July 21, 1914. His father was an engineer, but Aries showed an early interest in what are now known as the "human sciences" and read hisory at the Sor-bonne. From 1943 to 1979 he worked as director of H.C. Documentation centre of H.C. Institut français de recherches fruitieres d'outre-mer, but found the study of contemporary overseas agriculture only moderately absorbing as a full-

time occupation. He consequently took up historical research of more interesting kind on a part-time basis and described his expericnces in this area in 1980 in his ance of a form of social autobiography, Un historien du organization has, in a long-term dimanche. His first interest was context, scarcely had time to in demography, and the starting point for his best known book, L'Enfant et la vie familiale sous l'Ancien Régime, published in France in 1960 and translated into English under the title which appeared in English in Centuries of Childhood in 1962. 1974 before being published in was the revolution which came France in 1975 under the title over European society with the Essais sur l'histoire de la mort

occurred in the way Europeans family documents, diaries, novels, plays, paintings and thought of themselves in the context of their private life: the even sculpture. family ceased to be the large By the time he turned his and fairly loose grouping of servants and distant relatives as attention to how Europeans well as of parents, children and thought of themselves in relation to death and advanced their immediate kin; and invented - as a distant age with

audiences loved her, but her

talent and personality seemed

in truth, somewhat circum-

scribed when reduced to the

small screen of television when

she appeared there in this

As a performance she was a

creature of physical presence

her personality was intended to

take a live audience by storm it

did not best communicate when

A song such as "There's No Business Like Show Business"

which she carried off with what

might be described as sublime

vulgarity, perhaps, best sum-

med up her gigantic stage personality. But it was a personality, it must be admir-

ted that could not have been

sustained without a voice which, while if might not please

the most severe purists of the

harmonic-polyphonic school was nevertheless admired

sometimes with a species of

stunned acquiescence - by

several distinguished conduc-

awards in 1951 for her perform-

ance in Call Mr Madam and

awards, culminating in her 1972

Tony which acknowledged the

contribution she had made

all her marriages ending in divorce, the last in 1964, to

Ernest Borgnine, the actor,

en Occident Aries study of

childhood and the family was

based upon a wide range of

sources: wills, memoirs, private

She was four times married

during her entire career.

lasting exactly 38 days.

was given numerous other

Ethel Merman won two Tony

tors and operatic soloists.

sieved through electronics

country.

a thesis similar in part to that of Centuries of Childhood, other writers had joined the ranks of those whom his hostile critics termed "thanatologists", and this second work was less widely praised. Its view that the estabishment of private tombs for the dead accompanied the rise of the same kind of awareness of the claims of the individual, themselves the result of a decline in infant mortality and a greater sense of how important private life becomes, nevertheless seems unimpeachable. Like all Aries's work both these books are as fascinating to

read as novels, and are outstanding examples of the discoveries which historians can make when they decide to concentrate on what Balzac claimed should be the province of the novel: that of writing the history of manners and of man's perception of himself,

GERALD PALMER

Mr Gerald Palmer, who died Athos. There he became at-February 7 at the age of 79, was a man of many interests who served from 1966 to 1969 as President of the Council of Reading University and was a Forestry Commissioner from 1963 to 1965.

The inheritor of a large estate from his father, Eustace Palmer. a former chairman of the family business of Huntley and Palmer, he handed over a large part of it in 1968 to a charitable trust; but continued to manage both the trust properties and the remainder of the estate.

Gerald Eustace Howell Palmer was born on June 9, 1904, and educated at Winchester and New College, Oxford. He had a brief apprenticeship in Huntley and Palmer, but in 1935 he was elected National Conservative MP for Winchester, and sat in the House of Commons until 1945 apart from war service in the Royal Artillery.

He was defeated in the 1945 election and, somewhat in search of a creed, visited Mount dox Church in Exile, and in 1950 he was admitted to that church. In subsequent years

devoted much time to the translation and publication of writings from the Philokalia. the Orthodox scriptures. He also painted icons himself in exact conformity with the conventions of the art.

More usual for a country squire was his interest in forestry. His own plantations were expertly tended, and he held a number of offices: as Verderer of the New Forest 1957-66, chairman of the Forestry Commission's regional advisory commission for South-East England 1954-63, Forestry Commissioner 1963-65, and chairman of the Forestry Commission's national committee for England 1964-65. He took an active interest in

Reading University, serving on the Council for many years before becoming President in 1966. He was unmarried. **PROF JOHN**

HOUSE

or edited a series of studies on

Franceo-Italian frontier

Grande, 1982 and - as editor and part author - United States

public policy: a geographical review, 1983. These books were

ruary 1 at the age of 64.

publication.

and sensitive teacher of Latin and Greek, she yearned for greater scope to work and teach in ancient history and archaeology, and it was mainly for this reason that in 1969 she took the post offered at McMaster University, in 1978 she was appointed full professor. In addition to her work on Gaul she took part in archae-

Alastair Small) and then herself led a McMaster team to survey the historical topography and monuments of the Liri Valley social and economic aspects of south of Rome. In 1973 she was elected a Fellow of the Society Beyond his home area he had

team to excavate and study the remains of ancient Carthage in Tunisia, an international project sponsored by Unesco. Her written contributions to both projects were complete at the time of her death.

Rear-Admiral Allan Potand, CBE, DSO, who died on February 6 aged 95, served in submarines from 1910 to 1937 and during the Second World War was successively Chief of Staff to C-in-C America and West Indies, Senior Naval Officer Western Atlantic and Rear-Admiral, Alexandria From 1945 to 1947 he was Naval Assistant to Director of

Professor Peter Hodge, Professor of Social Work at Hongkong University since 1970, died on February 2.

simulating individual properties of natural reaction Nature: Vol 307 Feb 16 1984. Law Report February 17 1984 Courts-Martial Appeal Court

bacteria,

Drunkenness no defence to illegal possession of drugs Regina v Young (Robert Gor-

den)
Before Lord Justice Stephen Brown

[Judgment delivered February 16] Self-induced intoxication was not cvercise of the statutory defence provided by section 28 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

The Courts-Martial Appeal Court dismissed an appeal by Robert Gordon Young (a signalman) against his conviction by a District Court Martial in Soest, West Germany (Assistant Judge Advocate General Canner) on June 1, 1983, of possessing a controlled drug (a quantity of Lysergide or LSD) with intent to supply it. He was sentenced to eight months' detention and to be dismissed from the

Section 28 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 provides: (2) Subject to subsection (3)..., in any proceedings for an offence to which this section applies it shall be a defence for the accused to prove that he neither knew of nor suspected nor had reason to suspect the existence of some fact alleged by the prosecution which it is necessary for the prosecution to prove if he is to be convicted of the offence charged.

(3) ... the accused - ... (b) shall. be acquitted . . (i) if he proves that he neither believed nor suspected

substance or product in question was a controlled drug." Mr John Bishop, assigned by the Registrar of Courts-Martial Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Michael Hucker for the Crown.

JUSTICE KILNER BROWN. delivering the reserved judgment of the court said that the prosecution case was that after a transaction Young and a German, in which Young had sold a small quantity of Lysergide a meeting was arranged outside a disco bar. As they were negotiating for a further sale, police, moved in and Young was arrested.
The cvidence clearly established that Young which have some Lysergide, which he swallowed as the police approached. He had obviously been deinties but the

obviously been drinking, but the first winess who said that he was very drunk was his German girl friend, who was called as a witness for the prosecution. The others called for the prosecution put him as slightly tipsy or as affected but not slightly tipsy or as affected but not drunk. There was strong evidence from the defence that he was seriously affected by drink and was almost incapable.

His condition was an important issue. There was really no defence available other than the statutory defence provided by section 28 of e of Drugs Act 1971. One of the grounds of appeal introduced a difficult interesting

and (as far as their Lordships were

of the effect of self-induced intoxication. It was alleged that the Assistant Judge Advocate General misdirected the court in withdrawing consideration of the accused's lity, caused by drink, to hold a belief or to register suspicion, by a direction that the test to be applied was that of the belief or suspicion of a reasonable sober man.

The relevant part of the direction began by relating the effect of self-induced intoxication to the burden on the prosecution to prove knowledge of possession as well as intent to supply. The two matters were treated together, no doubt that was with R v Majewski (11977] AC 443) in mind, with reference to the irrelevance of the effect of drink as Their Lordships had doubts as to

when knowledge as distinct from intent was under consideration. However, in the circumstanstances of the case, it mattered little if at all. There was no need to analyse the burden on the prosecution as to establishing knowledge once the primary facts as to Young's conduct in swallowing the portion of drug was proved to the satisfaction of the court. Prima facte knowledge of possession was the only inference to

effect of drink at this stage was It was not, however, a misdirection because the attention of the court was properly drawn to the

be drawn. The introduction of the

statutory defence on which Young relied and in this context the effect of self-induced intoxication was a elevant, indeed the only relevant

For the appellant it was con-tended that the subjective approach tended that the subjective approach applied throughout in respect of the three requirements, which should be actual personal ability to believe, suspect, or have reason to suspect, that what he had in his possession For the prosecution it was

submitted that the words "nor had reason to suspect" introducted the of that which was rea able, and that affected the belief and suspicion; also that it was correct a introduce the objective test of the reasonable sober man.

It was clearly the law that when reasonable grounds for belief were canvassed, self-intoxication would not avail. For the appellant it was submitted that "had reason to suspect" was not the same thing as "reasonable grounds for belief". Reliance was placed on Jaggard v Dickinson ([1981] QB 527).

That was authority, not binding on the court but nevertheless persuasive, for the proposition that where there was an exculpatory statutory defence of honest belief, self-induced intoxication was a factor which must be considered in the context of a subjective

of mind; the objective test of a reasonable sober man was irrelevant. Accepting and applying that

decision, as their Lordships did, it would lead to the conclusion that in so far as the belief and suspicion were concerned there would have been a misdirection in the instant case. But it left untouched the problem created by the introduction of the third limb, which was an integral part of the exculpatory defence.

The remaining question was whether a reason was something entirely personal and individual, calling for an entirely subjective consideration, or involved the wider

HIS LORDSHIP said that the

concept of an objective rationality. Their Lordships were of the opinion that it was the latter. It followed therefore that it was a correct direction that the self-induced interior that the self-induced intoxication did not avail. It was an unnecessary gloss ntroduce the concept of

introduce the concept of the reasonable sober man, but that gloss life in the North-east, culminating in his book *The North East* did not vitiate the fundamenta direction that the self-induced in 1969, and later publications. intoxication was no defence. The drunkenness relied upon could not assist in considering whether or not the accused had no reason to suspect that what he had in his a wide interest in political geography, shown in a study of developed during his tenure of a possession was a controlled drug. Leverhulme Research Fellowship in 1957-8, and in his last two books. Frontier on the Rio

Solicitors: Director of Army Legal

Revenue can collect more tax after their error Vickerman (Inspector of Taxes)

v Mason Income tax due but not de-manded by the Inland Revenue

from a taxpayer owing to an arithmetical error in an assessment could nevertheless be recovered by making a further assessment on him after the error had been discovered, Mr Justice Scott held in the Chancery Division on February 10. His Lordship allowed an appeal by the Crown from a determination of Westminster General Commissioners and declared that a further assessment to income tax made on the taxpayer for 1979-1980

original assessment made on the taxpayer and which contained the error had not been appealed against and the tax had been paid. Notwithstanding section 29(3)(b) of the Taxes Management Act 1970 gave the Revenue power to correct the error by issuing the further

the fruit of visits to the universities of Nebraska, Southern Illinois and Texas. He was President of the Institute of British Geographers in 1983.

Sir Clive Fitts, who died in Melbourne on February 7 at the age of 83, was a former Consulting Physician to the Royal Melbourne Hospital and well-known cardiologist.

Lord Durgan, 4th Bt, died in Durban on January 30 at the

PROF EDITH WIGHTMAN Professor Edith Wightman,

ton, Ontario, on December 17 at the age of 45, had been Professor in the History Department at McMaster University in Hamilton since 1978, and was widely known for her work in Roman history and archaeology. She studied Classics at St

Andrews University, where in 1960 she shared the Millar Prize for the best arts graduate, and then move to Oxford for her doctorate. The publication of her Trier and the Treveri in 1970 was instantly accepted as a successful synthesis of the historical and material evidence for the Moselle region and retains today a scholarly authority. Several papers reflected the preparation of a major work on Northern Gaul (Gallia Belgica), which had already reached a stage close to

From 1965 to 1969 she lectured in Classics at Leicester University. Though a successful $B_{n,G,n,p}$

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of Antiquaries of London.
In 1976 she was appointed field director of the Canadian

Sea Transport.

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Professor, John House, Halford Mackonder Professor of Geography at Oxford from 1974 to 1983 and a fellow of St Peter's College, died on Febological projects supported by the Canada Council at Monte His main interest was the geography of the North-east and its application to planning problems. From 1952 he wrote Irsi in Southern Italy (with THE TIMES FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17 1984

Sterling

Sterling gained against most currencies during the day, despite some hesitation in the foreign exchange markets over the direction of the dollar.

The approach the dollar.

The pound closed in London

at \$1,4450, up 0.25 cents, and it

also made progress against the Deutschemark and French franc. The trade weighted index

Early trading in the dollar

was active as market operators tried to work out which way the

currency was going. But later in the day some optimistic Ameri-

can personal income and hous-

ing start figures pushed the

The dollar gained 40 points against the Deutschemark 10

close :DM\$2:6765, and :added

1.65 centimes against the French franc to F18.2415. It

slipped, however, when com-

pared with the Swiss franc and

also lost ground against the yen.

rose by 0.3 to 82.1.

currencies.

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Cash alternative as M1 fails to measure up

Short of one of those extraordinary last-minute turnarounds, the Government's £10 billion target for public borrowing in 1983-84 looks well within its grasp. The latest official figures show that the public sector repaid debt of £2.6 billion last month to bring total borrowing for the first 10 months of the financial year to £7.5 billion.

The monetary background to the Budget also looks encouraging following a slowdown in monetary growth last month. Bank of England figures show the main measure of the money supply, sterling M3. rose by 0.6 per cent to remain within the Government's 7 to 11 per cent target range. Bank lending to the private sector totalled £1.28 billion, rather higher than the average for last year but well down on the £1.71 billion recorded in December.

The Government's finances are commonly in surplus in the early part of the year as the main tax gathering season gets under way. Freasury calculations were upset last year by the eleventh-hour spending spree by government departments, which added more than £3 hillion to borrowing in February and March, This year officials appear confident that a similar spree can be avoided. They expect cash limits, which were reduced by the Chancellor in his emergency measures last July, to begin to hite shortly.

Nevertheless, the latest figures show that departmental spending is still running well ahead of plans. Spending so far this financial year is 9.4 per cent up on the same period last year, 4 per cent higher than budgeted, though after adjustment the Treasury estimates the underlying rise at something less than 8 per cent. If continued this would imply an overspend this year of £2 billion, compared with an estimate of only £500m in the public spending White Paper published yester-

The prospects for public borrowing are improved by higher-than-expected tax revenues which are 7.4 per cent up from a year earlier in the first 10 months of 1982-

The public sector surplus and theavy sales of gilts and national savings largely offset the impact on the January money supply of buoyant bank lending and a sleep increase in lending overseas. The narrow money measure, M1, fell by 0.2 per cent and the broad measure of private sector liquidity. PSL2, rose by 1.1 per cent in the month. Sonce last February when the target period began M1 has grown by 11.4 per cent at an annual rate and PSL2 at 12.3 per cent, compared with 10.7 per cent for sterling M3.

Come the Budget, M1 is booked to slip gracefully from the headlines as a narrow money measure, because it has become far too sensitive to interest rates. The proportion of interest-bearing deposits in MI has grown from a tenth to more than a quarter since 1975. The point of a narrow money measure is as a guide to the level of spending - transactions in the jargon rather than credit. In his Mansion House speech, the Chancellor paxed the way for a switch to Mo, the wider monetary base.

For the cogoscenti, one of the minor points of interest in Mr Lawson's Budget speech will be whether he opts for Mo or the even narrower measure notes and coins and whether he lays down a specific target for this.

James Capel, the stockbrokers, suggest he should opt for notes and coins while the statisticians wait to see if M2, the

latest specially designed measure, comes up to scratch. They also suggest that a target for 3 to 7 per cent for notes and com would: fit with 6 to 10 per cent targets for the wider measures.

A new Treasury working paper also points more cautiously to notes and coins in circulation.-It concludes that even these narrow measures have become more interest sensitive in the past few years, but not unduly so, it is also possible to adjust the figures to take away distortions caused ! by the irend to the cashless society. principally by allowing for the growth of bank and building society accounts.

Given these adjustments, both Mo contains: two: irrelevant: elements, : Cash in : bank tills fluctuates widely short-term and bankers' working deposits at the bank of England are more a function of the regime of monetary control than short-term trends in the economy.

The Chancellor should plump for measuring and targeting the amount of notes and coins in circulation. Then, for the first time, the authorities will actually be talking about what the wast majority of the public thinks of as money and all those homely:metaphors about printing the stuff will at last take on some substance.

A Morgan at the helm

A descendant of one of the founding fathers of Morgan Grenfell, one of the City's leading merchant banks, now sits at the head of its American operation. Morgan: Grenfell Inc. Mr John A Morgan, aged 53. has hitherto resisted the temptation to join one of the Morgan family firms.

For the past two years he has been the Morgan of Morgan Lewis Githens & Ahn, a New York investment banking firm. Before that he was vice-chairman of Smith Barney, :Harris Upham and given credit for much of that firm's expansion. He will continue as a partner of his own firm in i addition to being the mon-executive chairman of Morgan Grenfell Inc.

Following Mr Morgan's appointment as chairman. Mr Christopher Whittington. who is based in London, will become excutive vice-chairman. Mr John Franklin remains deputy chairman and Mr John Fraser continues as president.

'Mr Morgan's appointment signals an acceleration of Morgan Grenfell's development in New York. Its Now York broker-dealer business is 40-strong.

The great-great-grandson of Junius Spencer Morgan and great-grandson of the legendary J. Pierpont Morgan is expected to bring considerable experience in the securities industry and mergers and acquisitions, and "tremendous contracts" in New York and elsewhere.

:Morgan Grenfell's New York operation specializes in mergers, acquisitions, leasingand project finance. It is examining the possibility of becoming and American money manager and a trader in US Government securities. In London. Morgan Grenfell and Wedd Durlacher Mordaunt the largest UK jobbing firm, have been in talks which may lead to a trading link.:although both companies say they are talking with other possible partners. In Tokyo the bank has a representative office but is now contemplating ways of strongthening its Japanese profile, including an application to join the Tokyo Stock

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kennedy

Brookes

deal near

Young's brewery. Seagrams, the Canadian drinks group, and

lames Burrow, makers of Beatenter gin, are about to emerge as big shareholders in

Lennoxcourt, the company formed by Kennedy Brookes to

develop and manage three theme cating and drinking areas in the £45m Trocadero develop-

ment off London's Piccadilly Circus. The company is ex-pected to be floated on the

Nock Exchange at some singe, Kennedy Brookes, the Mario

and Franco restaurant group. retains a 51 per cent interest in

the company which will have spent about £3.8m on the

project by the time the Troca-

Sales of unit trusts con-

unued to boom in January as

investors piled in on the back of rising markets and a flood of

promotional advertising. Sales

dero opens m May.

Reed buys US magazines

The latest two - Interior from Whitney Communications Corporation have a \$12m

Reed says it recently bought three others: Chemical Purchas-

The magazines increased to 30 the titles of Cahners Publishing the US publishing arm of Reed and one of the largest publishers and organizors of trade and consumer

lishing company which owns have a combined turnover of Mirror Group Newspapers, \$16m. announced it has spent \$41m (£28.4m) on buying American magazines.

Design and Corportate Design umover.

ing, Energy Design Update and

Reed International, the pub- Food Transportation. These

The purchases are part of a strategy review which Reed is

Takeover by GKN 'would hurt UK trade'

duction increased a seasonally adjusted 1.1 per cent last month, the Federal Reserve,

Carmakers oppose AE merger

Evidence from the leading manufacturers motor Europe, meluding Ford, Gen-eral Motors, Volkswagen and Renault, could lead to a decision by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to block any renewed takeover attempt for AE (formerly Associated Engineering) by its Midlands rival, Guest, Keen & Nettle-

for the month reached a record high of £327m. 25.5 per cent up on the previous record of £260,6m achieved in November The motor manufacturers say that if the merger goes ahead there would be a net loss of trade for Britam in vital engine components like pistons and bearings where AE and GKN • Marler Estates said vesterday that its controversial film all-share bid for SB Property. are currently used as alternative

the company which owns Chelsea Football Club's ground. suppliers.
Mr John Collyear, chairman had gone unconditional. Marier of AE, said yesterday his original estimates that Britain's share of engine bearing business said it had received acceptances for 69.58 per cent of the "A" shares and that the offer was in continental Europe would fail being extended until March 2. from 40 per cent to 75 per cent if the merger went through had • Receivers have been called been revised downwards. "After in at Highgate Optical and taking stock of our customers? reaction to a merger we estimate that a more realistic

industrial after several years of mounting losses. Highgate. which distributes optical and figure is 60 per cent," he said. photographic equipment, said Mr Collyear indicated that yesterday that it had "no this pattern would be repeated alternative but to ask National Westminster Bank to appoint a



John Collyear: business share will fall.

where both AE and :GKN European manufacsupply the Monopolies Before Commission mvestigation began into GKN's proposed £67m takeover of AE last year GKN had argued that a merger would strengthen the British motor componets industry and help it to win orders in an

increasingly international mar-However. AE has used the by a windfall £8m contribution in other areas including the However. AE has used the by a windfall £8m contribution supply of engine cylinder liners six-month breathing space al- from property disposals

lowed by the monapolies investigation to stiffen its defence against a renewed takeover attempt by GKN. The commission's report on the takeover is due to be completed within the next three weeks with a final decision expected from the Government by end of

If the Covernment chooses to ignore the warnings by motor manufacturers about the detrimental effects of a merger AE is ready to launch an aggressive campaign to protect it indepen-

The AE management team and 16:000 employees have thrown their weight behind the board in its attempt to produce results which will help to stave off a bid by GKN. Pretax profits for the current year are running way alread of budget. In the first quarter to December 30, AE produced pretax profits of £3m against a target of £2.5m, and £400,000 pretax for the pre-

vious year to Reptember 30. Analysts are looking for pretax profits of about £14m for the current year and £20m next

year as AE's recovery continues. The results could be helped

Halifax barred from opening offshoot in Isle of Man

Plans by the Halifax Building Society to set up an offshoot in the Isle of Man to take deposits and pay interest to investors without deducting tax have been unexpectedly blocked by the UK authorities

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The Halifax had been hoping to open for business in the Isle of Man in the spring Another leading society, the Leicester was working on similar plans. However, Mr Richard Hornby. chairman of the Halifax, revealed vesterday that at a very late stage the UK authorities expressed doubts whether building societies could operate in this way within the present legal framework and the Halifax had been forced to postpone its

Building societies are regulated by the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies and Mr Michael Bridgemen, Chief Registrar, said vesterday that he could not comment on the matter at this-stage.

However, the chief objection of the authorities appears to

USM plans

for double

glazing firm

By Our Industrial

Correspondent

glazing company which has irebled in size during the

recession, is to seek a public flotation on the Unlisted Securi-

The spectacular rise of the

company has boosted it to the

No 3 position in the houble

glazing market behind Everest

and Anglian, Turnover this year

will be close to £30m compared

The USM flotation will confirm the millionaire status

of Mr John Morris, the Therm-

A-Stor chairman who bought

the once-defunct operation in

1975 for £800. Today, he says,

From a loss of more than

£300.000 in 1975-76, Mr Morris

has turned round the company's

fortunes to a post-tax profit of £700,000 in 1983, a figure that

he predicts will be at least

out of 9,000 double glazing

companies. Today, we are third.

proving that good management

The £6(X)m-a-year double

glazing market has shown some

resilience during the recession

as the result of home owners

improving their properties

rather than moving house. Mr

Morris says he has seen a

particularly rapid increase in

husiness since Christmas, due, he believes, to:definite signs of

centiomic recovery. Much of the

new business is on coedit. "a

sign that people are no longer

Mr Morris, aged 37, whose

rags-to-riches story impressed

the Prime Minister to the extent

that she agreed to open his new

factory in Peterhorough last year, is planning to maintain

personal control of the com-pany after the USM floration

while using the proceeds for

maining independent among

the important double glazing companies, moved to Peterbo-

rough in 1979 and opened a 10,000 sq firfactory:a year ago.

It now employs 1,400 there and at 20 branches around the

The Dow Jones industrial avarage slipped more than 5 points to 1154 shortly after the

New York Stock Exchange opened. Brokers said they thought the market might try to bounce back but added that

investors were still nervous.

Tamerican industrial pro-

Board announced. It has now grown 15.1 per cent since January. 1983.

Therm-A-Stor, the last re-

expansion.

country.

afraid of losing their jobs".

can make it against the odds."

"In 1976, we were 8,000th

the company is worth £30m.

ties Market this autumn.

with £10m in 1980.

doubled this year.

Therm-A-Stor, the double

have been that if the scheme went ahead, the Halifax would not have been able to stand behind the Isle of Man offshoot in the event of problems. Under present legislation, building societies are not allowed to set up or make payment to subsidiaries.

Official sources also indicated that the scheme could have led to tax problems. It was suggested in other quarters that the possibility of investors using the Manx offshoot for tax evasion had prompted considerable concern.
At the Leicester Building Society, Mr Scott Durward

chief general manger, declined to make any comment. "There is absolutely nothing I want to say about the Isle of Man at the moment. I would prefer to remain totally silent on the subject, he said. Halifax was planning to use a

Manx offshoot to gather deposits from expatriates and use the proceeds both for mortgage finance in the Isle of Man and

resigned after an investigation

of his relationship with PCW

Underwriting Agencies, PCW is at the centre of Department of

Trade and Industry and police

inquiries into the problems at

Sedwick said vesterday that it

had been informed that Mr

Robert Adams, chairman of the

Sedgwick Marine Group, and

Mr Geoffrey Naude, a former

recieved payments form Mr

former chairman of PCW, when

they were Sedgwick employees.

"Having investigated the position, the board of Sedgwick

Honda may

set up

plant in UK

By Edward Townsend

Industrial Correspondent

'Honda of Japan has once

again raised the long-term

possibility of building a motor-

eyele manufacturing plant in Britain, but there appears to be

little hope of a decision for

The company first revealed

its intention to conduct a

rent ato alter a visit to Japan

by Nir Patrick Jenkin, then the

Industry Secretary. The an-

nouncement, made by Honda's

then president. Mr Kivashi

'Kawashima, was seen at the

time as one of several attempts

being made by Dapanese indus-

try to calm European fears over

Honda's new chairman, Mr

Tadalhi Kume, said yesterday

that the company was still

looking at the possibility of a

the trade imbalance

British factory

several years.

Peter Cameron-Webb.

underwriter.

is satisfied that the payments in November, 1982

marine

to help meet demand for Britain's biggest society, said mortgages on the mainland, yesterday However, he empha-fine society said there was no sized that a move would depend intention that it should be relevant to United Kingdom

Halifax said yesterday that there had been clear informal indications that it would be allowed to proceed but there had been a change of heart at a

very late stage.

'Mr Hornby said more re-alistic legislation was organily needed to to avoid wasteful exercises of this kind." Earlier he announced record

year and plans to push up lending a further 20 per cent to £4,400m this year. Society may cut rate in April

of any impropriety on the part

of the Sedgwick Group," the

.company'said. Mr. Adams, 'a wice-president

of the Insurance Institute of

London and an underwriting

member of the Lloyd's market.

group, came under investigation

US group

in£13m

Suter deal

By:Jonathan Clare

One of the world's biggest

manufacturers of refrigerator

compressors has acquired an

option to buy 10 per cent of Suter Electrical, which bought

the Prestcold refrigeration busi-

ness from BL under the guidance of MriDavid Abell.

worth £13m of Suter which

SHUD division and its two

Gopeland Corporation of the

US. Suter also gets distribution rights for Copeland's equipment

which could increase turnover

of the Nationwide Refrigeration

Supplies division by between

it was also revealed yesterday

that the merchant bank Robert

Fleming had built up a stake that could be worth 10 per cent

of Suter, including conversion

of convertible loan stock

E4m and £7m.

distribution subsidiaries

The option is part of a deal

The Halifax might step out of line wilth a cut in its mortgage rate in April, if it indged conditions were right. Mr Richard Homby, chairman of

Sedgwick Group

director resigns

A director of the Sedwick were made to the individuals

Ciroup, the largest Lloyd's concerned in their personal

insurance broking firm, has capacity without the knowledge,

son next month's Budget and the likely response from other

It would have to be a judgement of demand and supply on one hand and our expectations of what other societies will do. The few follow suit. the greater the risk rous," he said.

Although mortgage demand is even stronger than predicted only a month ago. Mr Homby aggested that building societies might soon be in a position to lower their rates but still satisfy results for the Halifax in the borrowers' needs. But he conceded that in the aftermath of the break-up of the interest rate competitive climate, it was very difficultufor one or two societies however big, to cut their rates in

They would risk a big outflow of funds and, because of this, rates were likely to stay higher

STOCK EXCHANGES

SE 100 Index: 1035.0 up 2:0 (day's high 1035.6, low 1030.4) FT Index: 817.9 up 1.3 FT Gilts: 82.89 up 0.12 Bargains: 21;406 New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1157.66 down 1:05

Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,897.15 up 4:99 Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1084.06 down 6.59 Amsterdam: 165.4 down 0.7 Sydney: AO Index 746.2 .up

Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1052:7:up 12.9 Brussels: General Index 141.24 down 0.11

CURRENCIES

Sterling \$1.4450 up 1/4 cent Index 82.1 up 0.3 DM 3:87 up D:0125 FrF 11,9050 up 0.04 Yen 336.75 unchanged Dollar

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The buyers include five

Hoverspeed operates six hoveretall and employs 600 staff. Although at it still losing money after depreciation charg- US rates

 The Frading of Trustinouse Forte, the big hotels group, is considerably ahead of last year, Land Porte, the chairman, says in the company's report and accounts, "We look forward to further progress in our oper-

Managers buy out Hoverspeed

By Jonathan Davis **Einencial Correspondent**

The management of Hover speed, the cross-Channel hovercraft operator, yesterday paid a "nominal" sum to buy it from its itwo anhappy former owners, British Rail and Brosfroms, the Swedish shipping The management made its

resigned his position at Sed-gwick earlier this week. Mr Nautle retired from the commove after British Rail declined -pany in December. to continue its guarantee of a Sedgwick began its investigation after being informed in keeping:the imancially troubled December of the payments by iDepartment of Trade and industry and Lloyd's company affoat since it was formed in 1981, through a merger of Hoverlloyd and The affairs-of PCW, a part of the 'Minet !Holdings 'insurance

Although British Rail would not comment on the reasons behind its change of heart, it appears to have been prompted by the Government's determination to make British Rail privatize its Cross-Channel operations.

senior imembers of the company's management, headed by Mr Michael Recling, the chairman, and Mr Gerry Draper, its deputy chairman. Mr Draper is a former marketing director of British Airways.

es. Mr Keeling said that he expected the company to generate a positive cash flow this year. National Westminster bank has agreed to continue the overdraft facilities in return for guarantees from the new own-

ations and profits in the current year," he says.

LONDON CLOSE

Index 128.4 down 0.5 DM 2.6765 up: 0:0038

NEW YORK LATEST INTERNATIONAL

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Bank base rates 9 Finance houses base rate 91/4 Discount market loans were 3 month interbank 91/19-91/6

Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 9%-10 3 month DM 51%-6-51% 3 month Fr Ff5½-15%

·Bank prime rate 11.00 Fed tunds 915 Treasury long.bond 100°3;2-100°3;2

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce) am \$383.10 pm \$332.90 close \$383.75-\$384.25 (£265.75-£266.25) New York (latest): \$383 Krugerrand' (per coin): \$395-397 (£274-£275) Sovereigns' (new): \$90-91 (£60:25-£63)

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Results Year to 31st October 1983

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| | 1983 £m | 1982 £m |
|----------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Trading Receipts | 1012.0 | 915.4 |
| Trading Profit (before depreciation) | 134.8 | 111.8 |
| Profit before Tax | 82.1 | 57.1 |
| Profit after Tax and minority interest | 62.0 | 46.8 |
| Dividend per share | 8.25p | 7.0p |
| Earnings per share (act) | 15.9p | 12.0p |

Turnover of over a Billion Pounds

Profit before tax up 44% on last year.

Dividend increased by 18%, plus one for one Scrip Issue.



To book at any of our hotels, ring our reservation offices on 01:567 3444 or 061-969 6111 or see your travel agent, or ring the hotel:direct.

Balance Sheet remains strong - ratio of net borrowings to shareholders' investment D.34:1.

Trading in the current year is considerably ahead of last year and we look forward to further progress in our operations and profits.



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Laker loss hampers Saga's profit take-off Saga Holidays, which specia-lizes in vacations for retired source. The same cannot be said of A small company has been in computerized financial infor-launched in Holland to test the mation.

people, now almost makes a virtue of the speed with which it disposed of the disastrous Laker acquisition. Nevertheless, the consequences rumble on. Pretax profits for the 16 months to the end of October were £2.43m against £136,000 for the pre-vious 12 months, but they would have been £1m higher

were it not for the Laker losses. This does seem the end of the story, however, and Saga is adamant that it will concentrate 'exotic holidays, was more than henceforth on its traditional business. The enormous increase in turnover from £49.2m in 1982-83 to £90.4m for the 16

underlying strength of sales. But the structure of the

all the British business. Saga has tried to stem the tide a little by upgrading its own six British hotels, for example, but the booking indications so far this year are that demand for holidays in Britain is expanding only slowly.

This decline, which is structural and owes much to the growing preference of pensigners for more expensive and offset, however, by better results from the European land holidays and from cruises.

Hopes for longer term develmonths - of which £7m came opment are therefore mainly from Laker - points to the pinned on the United States and on selling more European holidays. The American opermarket is changing. For competitive reasons Saga is coy about revealing the contrinow have 70 employees and

market on the Continent. Still. Saga must find another way into

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The transitional 16 month year inevitably makes comparison confusing and while the next year from November 1 to October 31 will overall include a better balance of revenue and expenditure, it will also mean that the first half will be worse than the second.

than the second. This time, however, the net dividends of 5p are covered by earnigns of 7.97p and net assets of £8m cushion expansion. The shares were unchanged at 114p where a 6.3 per cent yield indicates reasonable confidence

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Since it came to the market a year ago with an offer for sale that was nine times oversub-scribed. Datastream has been

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rose 63 per cent to to £11.73m. A satisfactory outcome for the year as a whole is expected which would indicate profits of at least £3m against £2.34m lest time. A first interim dividend of 1.45p is to be paid and assuming the final is also lifted, the shares will be left yielding something over 2 per cent - not unreasonable for a high tech-nology stock.

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Petranol to search for oil in Texas

By Michael Clark

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Dog Bend Lime. Ellenberger Dog Bend Lime, Ellenberger, and Pal Pinto Lime are all familiar terms to the oil rich operators of Texas, they could also become part of the vocabulary of British institutions before long. This is because a British company intends to take on the Americans at their own game and. cans at their own game and search for oil in the plains of Texas.

Petranol, an oil exploration company formed in 1981, is applying under Chapter 7 of the Stock Exchange's Yellow Book for a full listing. Under the guidance of Brown Shipley and broker L. Messel 2.8 million shares (about 26 per cent of the issued share capital) at 125p a share are being offered to raise £3,05m to finance further exploration and pay off existing borrowings,

Petranol was the brain child of Mr Clive Smith who is well known in the Potteries and has in the past built an impressive private business empire, including Britain's largest private

Mr Smith intends to get the cul out of the ground as cheaply and quickly as possible. This makes the oilfields of Texas the best choice. Texas suppliles about 30 per cent of America's energy needs and has to date produced 46 billion barrels.

Petranol already has sizable stake in three fields Hearn, Windham and Sweetwater totalling 3.290 acres, ranging from 50 per cent of the lease to 100 per cent. Part-of the proceeds will go towards financing the Sweetwater leases.

For the year to September 30, pretax profits stood at £151,000 and for the remaining three months of the year were £101,000 with a projected cash flow of £2,50m.

Debt fears ease but banks rei

By-Peter Wilson-Smith Banking Correspondent

The sovereign debt exposure of the big international banks has been a considerable source of worry for banking supervisers around the world since the debt problems of the developing countries emerged. However, success of bankers, the Internationl Monetary Fund and central banks in tackling the problems of the big debtors has helped to greatly reduce concern in banking circles over the past

In the past six months, for instance, increased quotes were finally agreed for the Inter-national Monetary Fund, allowing it to continue playing a crucial role alongside the banks. An \$11 billion rescue package was finally put in place for Brazil after months of tortuous negotiations and Mexico has shown encouraging signs of a return to financial health.

Problems remain, however, with Argentina a particular worry for bankers because of its serious economic problems and officials in both Britain and the United States are conscious that difficult times could lie ahead.

captial exposed in loans .10 developing countries and Eastern Europe, according to a study by Mr. William R. Cline of Institute for International Economics in Washington.

Even more worrying for United States officials is the fact that one of the two largest American banks has 74 per cent of its equity exposed in Brazil and nearly 55 per cent in Mexico.

Because of its geographical closeness. Latin America is the area where United States banks have found themselves, with the biggest problems. British banks have also lent heavily in this arca. Midland Bank has a significant exposure to Latin America through its Californian

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| Foreign e | xposure of the 1983 | US |

| _ | All banks: (\$ millions) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Eastern Europe | 6.111 |
| Opec members | 24,921 |
| Latin America and Caribbean | 70.214 |
| Asia | .28,808 |
| Ainca | 4:680 |
| Gther | 221,211 |
| Total | 355,945 |

| Brazil, Mexico and Vencuela | | | | | |
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| | \$-millions | -885ets | | | |
| Bank America | 7.200 | 5.8 | | | |
| Chase Manhattan | | 7.9 | | | |
| Citicorp | 10.823 | 8.3 | | | |
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| Barclays | 2,100 | 3.5 | | | |
| Lloyds | 3.200 | . 9.3 | | | |
| Midland | 2:800 | 5.8 | | | |
| National West | 1.600 | . 2.9 | | | |
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Source: Wood Mackenzie estimates, US statistics, Salomon Bros.

Foreign exposure of UK registered banks and over-The pine largest US banks :seas operations at June have about 300 per cent of their 1983

| | (\$ million |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Eastern Europe | 7,157 |
| Opec members | 11:432 |
| Lattin American | |
| and Caribbean | 24.804 |
| 'Asia | 9,245 |
| Africa | 4,808 |
| .Other | 110,111 |
| ,Total | 167,557 |
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Source: Bank of England.

subsidiary. Crocker National Corporation while Lloyds Bank has longstanding links with the continent.

British banks, compared with their American counterparts. also have sizable exposures to Eastern Europe. womics about Comecon borrowers have been greatly allayed by the stringent adjustment measures many of them have taken and the big improvements in their current eccount positions.

British banks are also among the strongest capitalized in the world and are considered to be less prone to the dangers which could afflict leading banks if a big borrower declared a default on its loans.

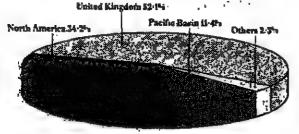
Despite this, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, stressed recently the importance of international banks ensuring they were well capitalized.
"International banks need to sustain and emphasized the need for adequate bad debt provisions against doubtful

The Charter Trust & Agency PLC

Highlights of the year (ended 30th November 1983)

Gross revenue Dividend per share Net asset value per share Total assets.

£3,280,436 + 14.4% 1.975p + 6.8%81.5p + 29.4% £67,376,943



Geographical distribution

MANAGERS

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INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT Copies of the Annual Report & Accounts are available from the Secretary, 20 Fenchurch Street, London EC3P 3DB.

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Base Lending Rates

| ABM Bank | מ"ע. |
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| Barclays | 9% |
| BCCI | 9% |
| Citibank Savings 11 | |
| Consolidated Crds | 990 |
| Continental Trust | 9% |
| C. Hoare & Co | 494 |
| Lloyds Bank | 9% |
| Midland Bank | 9% |
| Nat Westminster | 9% |
| TSB | 9% |
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The Trans-Oceanic Trust PLC

Managed by J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited

The Annual General Meeting was held at 120 Cheapside, London EC2 on Wednesday, 15th March, 1984.

| The following is a summary of the Report by the Directors for the year ended 31st October, 1983. | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| 1983 | | | | | |
| Total Revenue | £2,734,011 | £1.828.434 | | | |
| Revenue after axation and expenses | 080,680,12 | £ 935.389 | | | |
| Earnings per Ordinary Share | 2.95p | _2.54p | | | |
| Ordinary dividends for the year net per share | 2.84p | . <u>254p</u> | | | |
| Net asset value per 25p Ordinary Share | 170.5p | 127.8p | | | |

In his Statement in the Annual Report the Chairman, Sir Ashley Ponsonby, commented: In the autumn of 1982 the Directors considered the relative attractions of the US stockmarket and currency to be compelling and arranged a \$71, million loan in order to increase American exposure. The equity portion of this loan was liquidated in January 1983 resulting in a profit of £% million. The dollar loan bond portfolio, however, was increased during the year in order to take advantage of the very high real interest rates. Towards the end of 1983 it was felt that the relative strength of the dollar might be coming to an end \$12 million of exisiting US equity core investments were switched into a dollar loan account so that they might be protected from any possible weakness in the currency. Including both dollar loans, some 57% of the Trust's investments were in North America at the year end The proportion invested in US equities was reduced in the summer when some C2 million of small, high technology stocks were sold. We left that the valuations put on such stocks by the market were high. and discounted rates of growth which might not be attainable. Some 31% of the Trust was invested in the UK where the emphasis continued to be on high yielding recovery stocks which appeared relatively attractive within the market. Such stocks proved good investments in terms of both capital and income. Japanese investments in the Trust were increased slightly to 71% during the year. The Board has limited the percentage of unquoted investments in the Trust to 10% and these venture capital holdings have been taken in companies which the Directors believe have sound long-term

prospects Some two-thirds of the Trust's gross assets are now invested overseas where the after-tax income returns are low. Moreover, about one-fifth of the Fund is invested in nil-yielding American junior growth stocks and venture capital situations. Nevertheless, the Trust's earnings rose by 16% over the previous year Though this was aided in part by the large US bond portfolio the Directors hope that income will continue to grow in 1984; though probably at a lower rate.

The overall objective of the Trust is the achievement of capital growth coupled to further increases in income, to this end the Oirectors will maintain a flexible approach.

> Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from the Secretaries. J Henry Schroder Wagg & Co Limited, 120 Cheapside, London EC2V 6DS

SIEMENS

THE TIMES FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17 1984

Information for Siemens shareholders

New orders exceed expectations

Growth of German domestic sales - Capital expenditure up 20%

New orders

During the first quarter of the current financial year, or from 1 October to 31 December 1983, new order receipts of £3,198m remained 7% below those of the comparable period in 1982. 'At that time, however, orders for the Emsland nuclear power plant, together with the impending expiration of a government capital investment grant, caused an order surge that catapulted growth 25% above the previous year's level. When allowance is made for these special influences affecting last year's first-quarter figure, new orders for the first three months of the current financial year were better than expected.

Excluding power plant business, Siemens recorded a 3% increase of new orders from the German domestic market, while new

orders received from abroad matched last year's volume.

Order results were strongly supported by increased worldwide demand for electronic components and, in particular, for integrated circuits. The Components Group chalked up some 40% more orders than a year ago. The medical engineering and data systems sectors, which last year reported especially high growth rates, achieved a slight rise of orders again this year due to intensified international business.

| ın 2m | 1/10/82 to 31/12/82 | 1/10/83 to 31/12/83 | Change |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| New orders | 3,426 | 3,198 | - 7% |
| Domestic business | 1,853 | 1,700 | - 8% |
| International business | 1,573 | 1,498 | – 5% |

First-quarter sales rose 8% worldwide to £2,462m. The increase derived exclusively from German domestic business, which yielded sales of £1,218m or 17% more than for the same period last year. At £1,244m, international;sales were roughly on a par with levels a year ago (£1,228m). Above-average

3.10/82 to 1.7/10/83 to . 31/12/82 31/12/80 Sales 2,269 2,462 + 8% 1.041 1.218 +17% Domestic business International business 1,228 | 1,244 + + 1%

growth rates were again recorded in data sys-

tems, medical engineering, and components.

Orders in hand

During the first quarter, orders in hand rose 5% to £15,348m, Inventory stood at £4,949m. 8% above the volume at the start of the financial year. The increase is very largely associated with ongoing power plant projects.

w Cm 30/9-83 31/12/83 Change Orders in hand 14,566 15,348 ; + 5% 4,949 | + 8% -Inventory 4,534

Employees

The decline in the number of Slemens employees has slowed appreciably. In the Federal Republic of Germany and Berlin (West), the Siemens work force decreased 1% to 210,000 people. This was primarily because of the contractually scheduled departure of temporarily employed students. Outside Germany, the total number of employees remained unchanged at 101,000. An average of 312,000 people were employed by Siemens worldwide during the period under review, or 2% fewer than a year ago. In contrast, employment cost went up 3% to £1,076m.

| | 1 | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| Employees | 313 | 311 | - 1% |
| Domestic operations International operations | 212 101 | 210 101 | - 1% 0% |
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| | 1/10/82 to 31/12/82 | 1/10/83 to 31/12/83 | Change |
| Average number of employees in thousands | 320 | 312 | - 2% |
| Employment cost in £m | 1,041 | 1,076 | + 3% |

30/9/83 31/12/83 Change

vs.thousands

Capital spending and net income

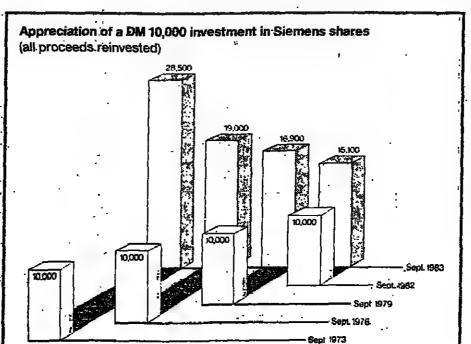
Siemens increased its capital spending a significant 20% during the first quarter, bringing it up to £96m (£80m last year). The emphasis was on the manufacture of new products and the modernization of existing facilities.

Net income after taxes rose to £50m (£41m last year). As a result, the net profit margin attained 2.0% as against 1.8% the year before

and was equivalent to the figure for the total financial year ended 30 September 1983.

| in Em | 1/10/82 to 31/12/82 | 1/10/83 to | Change |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|--------|
| Capital expenditure and investment | 80 | 96 | +20% |
| Net income after taxes | 41 | 50 | |
| irl % of sales | 1.8 | 2.0 | |

All amounts translated at Frankfurt middle rate on 31 December 1983. 21 - DM 3.940.



Investors' capital:almost tripled in ten years At the end of September 1973 a DM 10,000 investment purchased 46 Siemens shares. Reinvestment of all proceeds from the sale of subscription rights and all dividend income increased the portfolio to 82 Siemens shares in ten years. By that time the market value of the Siemens portfolio, at a price of DM 347.70 per share, totalled DM 28,500. This represents an average appreciation of 11% per year. Assuming that 30% tax, for example, was paid on the dividends, the return on the capital invested would still come to roughly 10% a year. Yields for the other investment periods shown are in some case even higher.

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Lineroft Kilgour, Mr Tony Helland, chairman of the cloth merchanting and menswear manufacturing group, savs in the annual report: "Last year's results will be difficult to follow. particularly in view of the loss the transport authority uniform contract contributed to profits in 1982-83 and seems likely to contribute a further £70,000 this year for the

period to completion. "Much depends on a pick-up in volume in the cloth mer-mhanting division, which our trading policy dictates mu be achieved without a correspond-Certainly, there are indications that the long decline in volume may be ending and, in certain markets, there are even signs of a slow recovery in confidence. Dubson Park Industries: The chairman, Mr J. J. Francis, told the annual meeting that the recently publicized economic recovery is not, as yet, resulting in any significant improvements in demand from the group's principal markets. The expected reduced level of British mining machinery sales will materialize in the first halfyear, but will be cushioned by un appreciable increase overseas business," he said.

River Plate & General Investment Trust: Gross rev enue for 1983 (figures in £000) 1.733 (1.597). Total net divident on deferred shares up from up to 6.2p net.

Alexanders Holdings: Year Sept 30, 1983, Figures in LOOO. Turnover 52,884 (43,846). Prejax loss 214 (profit 154). No dividend (same), but one-forten scrip issue proposed.

• Elbiell Half-year to Oct 31 1983. Figures in £000. 1.150 (1.239). Pretax profits 207 137), Interim payment, net a share, up from 0.385p to 0.44p.

Norfolk Capital rises on bid talk Norfolk Capital, the hotels dinner of the Society of fice equipment group, bounced group run by Lady Joseph, Investment Analaysis was held 8p to a new high of 101p as widow of Sir Maxwell Joseph, at the Grosvenor House Hotel several leading brokers conthe man who founded the and this is usually an occasion Grand Metropolitan leisure for brokers to let their hair

combine. loo is certain to receive a takeover bid soon. Its shares leapt by 12p to 69p a trickle, vesterday, spurred by the news that Kennedy Brookes, the modest Mario and Franco restaurants group, had recently lifted its likely to bid for Norfolk first is Stakis, the Glasgow-based hotels, clubs and casinos group. which recently emerged as a big

It was believed to be buying Norfolk shares in the market yesterday and its chairman. Mr Reo Stakis, was said to be down in London on business" when an attempt was made to contact him in Glasgow.

Mr Michael Golder, chairman of Kennedy Brookes, said: "It is well known that my company wants to get into character hotels, but my board has not yet considered bidding for Norfolk, It certainly looks as though someone will though,

Norfolk, which owns 10 hotels, including the Ecclestone in London, is valued at just over £13m in the stock market. Three directors of Kennedy Brookes have also bought 150,000 shares in Norfolk. These were bought on the day their company acquired its original stake in Norfolk, on February 3.

The rest of the equity market kept its head above water with the FT index closing 1.3 up at 817.9, helped by renewed bid speculation and selective buy-ing. Last night, the annual

close, when it became difficult

to find money, even at 914 per

£220m of maturing assistance and Treasury bill take-up, and a

£15m rise in note circulation.

There were offsets of £75m

coming back into the market by

way of Exchequer transactions

along with £100m on above-

target bank balances from

down. It also effectiverly ensures that turnover is reduced to

Leading shares managed modest improvements, with Allied-Lloyas, up 1p to 152p, BTR, 3p to 417p, BOC Group, 1p to 277p, Boots, 1p to 172p, Courtanids, 1p to 140p, Hawker Siddeley, 4p to 402p, P & O, Deferred In 172p, Pleaser Deferred 1p to 270p, Plessey, 3p to 217p, Thorn EM1, 2p to 619p and Trusthouse Forte, 1p to 205p, But there were falls in Clave 8p to 235p. Glaxo, 8p to 735p. Beecham, 3p to 298p and Distillers, Ip to 257p.

Hanson Trust took a step nearer to victory over London Brick-vesteday when Hoare Govett. its broker succeeded in picking up a further ! million shares at around 163p. So far this week Houre has bought about 7 per cent of the equity taking the total to 16.5 per cent. This, combined acceptances already received takes Hanson's stake to 18.5 per cent. London Brick rose Ip to 164p yesterday.

Gilts sported gains of up to 25p as the pound continued to benefit from a weaker dollar on foreign exchanges. The money supply figures, showing sterling M3 up by 0.6 per cent, were well on target and the public sector borrowing requirement showing a surplus of £2.62bn. was also well received by the market.

On the bid front shares of Gesteiner, the beleaguered of-

tinued to pick up more shares on behalf of their European

MARKET REPORT • by Michael Clark

This has led to the growing belief among many marketmen that a bid may be just around the corner. It is probably also responsible for the strength of the shares over the past six months which have risen from a low of 29p. However, the Gestetner family continues to hold a controlling interest in the shares and any approach would have to be agreed.

Allianz, the

insurance group which failed in its attempt to gain a toehold in the British insurance market ith the abortive acquisition of Eagle Star, has denied its interested in making a bid for Phoenix Assurance. This clipped 11p from the price of Phoenix at 460p, which has been a strong market of late on market whispers that the USbased Continental Corporation was about to sell its 24 per cent stake for 600p a share.

Herr Wolfgang Schieren,
chairman of the German group.

ted in obtaining a foothold in the British market after withdrawing from the takeover battle for Eagle Star in December, but we are not discussing a takeover with Phoenix". The rest of the insurance composites remained a dull market ahead of the reporting

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said: "Allianz remains interes-

season. which. STATES OF February 29, with figures from Commercial Union, down 1p at

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

134p. Royal Insurance 5p to 513p and Sun Alliance £1/16 to £13 31/32. The only company to move against the trend was General Accident 3p higher at

443p.
The life insurance companies were also a dull market, despite some buy circulars covering the sector earlier this week from the hroker Laing & Cruickshank.

Britannic lost 10p to 498p.

Equity & Law 12p to 822p.

Hambro Life 16p to 464p. Legal

& General 8p to 518p. London & Manchester op to 506p. Pearl Assurance op to 851p. Prudenhal Corporation 8p to 478p. Refuge Assurance 6p to 446p and Sun Life 10p to 652p.

CPS Computers is coming to the Unlisted Securities Market by way of a reverse takeover of Ohmpia (Redacre). Olympia will issue 20 million shares at 20p each to pay for the acquisition after which L. Messel, the broker, will place 2 million shares in the new company at 67p, This will value the entire group at £14.7in. CPS is a distributor of IBM equipment and personal computers und hav seen its profit rise from £114,000 to £736,000 over the pun five years, placing the shares on a price-carning ratio

But the high street banks, due to start reporting next month, put up a firmer performance. Royal Bank of Scotland led the way with a rise of 10p to 234p following yesterday's article in The Times on a buy recom-mendation from the broker 173p, after 171p, Guardian Laurie, Milbank, Bank of Royal Exchange lost 12p to Scotland also rose 4p to 644p.

while Lleyds added 5p to 549p, Midland 5p to 399p and National Westminster on 722p and Barclays on 527p both closed unchanged.

Aong the market's new-comers. LPA ladustries made a smooth transfer from Rule 163 to the unlisted securities Marker. The shares opened at 105p. compared with their last quoted price of 95p under Rule 163. but ended the day only lp higher at 96p.

LPA makes electrical access-ories for industrial use and was introduced to the USM by Greene & Co., a broker.

This week's other newcomer. Xyllyx rallied after Tuesday's disappointing debut, closing 5 up at 49p, but still Ip short of the placing price. Xyllyx distrib-utes coin-operated information

Mr Ian Wasserman's GM Firth and the board of Porter Chadbura have reached agree-ment on terms for an acquisition of Porter.

Firth and one of its directors Mr Andrew McClue, will subscribe for a total of 1.5 million new shares between them at 75p a share. Meanwhile, Firth intends to make a bid of 88p a share for the remaining 74.7 per cent it does not already own. Associates of Firth already speak for 125,000 shares on 3.9 per cent.

This combined with the 1.5 million new shares being sub-scribed for by the board of Firth. and Mr McClue, will give Firth 51.6 per cent of the enlarged capital. Shares of porter Chadburn rose 3p to 115p on the

IBS dealings halted as board seeks aid

Share dealings in Immediate Wylic, the finance firector, and Business Systems; the troubled Unlisted Securities Market computer company, were sus-pended yesterday ahead of a refinancing package.

The shares were suspended at 58pt they were placed at 90p and at one stage traded at more than 300p.

City speculation suggested that a US investor might be preparing to step in. More news has been promised for next

A rights issue would be unpopular with shareholders because IBS made a £2.5m cash call about a year ago.

Ten days ago, the company reported a much worse than expected interim loss of £1.23m although the company was known to be under financial

the company had been looking for financial help in carries! over the last two weeks IBS is one of a number of "" small computer 'a companies' which have recently rem into problems. Its big hope is its Portable Billing machine. The PBM is a £4.500 portable

computer which allows meter readers to bill users of electricity or gas on the spot. But so far the company has received orders only for pilot schemes. One analyst said: "It has always been jam tomorrow." But he added that IBS had a good product The company was the result of a £2.9m management bus-out

from Piessey two years ago. The company had not been expected to make a profit until this year but losses were expected to be gradually trime and strain. Yesterday. Mr Graham, med rather than worsen.

MONEY MARKETS

The recem heavy shortages over much of the session. Balances responded to bids of 9 abated yesterday giving the per cent throughout the morning and into the afternoon. Then for a spell in mid-afterspace. The Bank of England opened with a forecast of a noon, money was answering to rates down to 81; per cent. But things turned tighter for the £50m shortage, but that had crept to £100m by midday.

The authorities were able to take most of this out with bill purchase operations totalling £84m at the end of the morning. and £78m of band four at established intervention rates.

The Bank did not buy any more hills in the afternoon, but amounting to £35m to take its total help to £119m.

Houses were able to find money comparatively cheaply

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

A better day for sterling against most currencies linished with a 12 cent gain on the dollar at 1,4450, and firmer levels to the Deutschmark and French francs. The closing trade weighted index was 0.3 up at 82.1.
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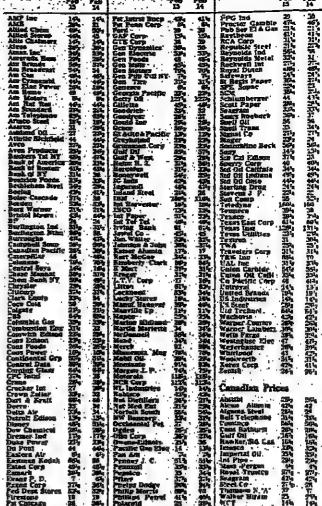
busy for most of the day, with a set of economic statistics from cent. At the outset, the Bank of England had identified the the United States helping to principal minus factors as restore the dollar to near opening levels to continentals. Most dealers believe that sterling's loss against some continentals has been overdone in the past few days, so a gain of 31, centimes against French francs at 11,9050 and of 14 plennigs to DM3.87 did not

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Yesterday's White Paper confirms that BT's flotation is central to Treasury's fund raising plans, Jonathan Davis reports

After the intesive political activity of the last two years, the Government's campaign to privatize British Telecom is now entering its last phase.

Legislation enabling privatization is still battling through a host of hostile amendments in the House of Lords, but, mostly. the rights and wrongs of turning British Telecom into a private sector company have long since been argued to death. The union campaign to block privatization has petered out, as has the spirited attempt by British Airways chairman, Lord King, to push British Telecom out of the queue of nationalized industries waiting to be sold to the private sector.

The next seven months will see a different emphasis in the Telecom story. They will be increasingly dominated by the more pragmatic problems of marketing the largest share issue Britain has yet seen.

With a provisional market capitalization of £8 billion, Telecom is set to become the largest single company on the exchange, bigger even than BP and dwarfing all the Government's previous privatization issues. Selling this jumbo-sized corporate issue promises to be a heetic and in many ways highrisk exercise.

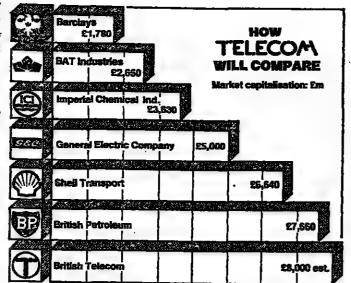
Yesterday's public spending White Paper confirms that the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, is banking on the flotation going through this autumn. Although the figures are not broken down, the Treasury is sticking to its assumption that selling 51 per cent of the shares - the minimum needed to take Telecom out of the public sector horrowing requirement will raise approximately £4 billion, albeit not all in one chunk.

Payments for the shares will be made in two or three instalments over 18 months to two years. The target date for flotation is the last ten days of

The Government has always known that selling such a huge business on the stock market was going to pose special problems. It has been recruiting an army of professional advisers to help push it through. Even at this stage, the support-ing cast includes two merchant banks, at least four stockbroking firms, a public relations consultancy and the inevitable battery of lawyers and account-

The American investment bank, Morgan Stanley was commissioned in the autumn to prepare a report on the feasibility of issuing shares in New

Telecom issue faces final sales hurdle



London flotation as a means of easing the potential problem of the issue being too large for the market to digest. A team of British Telecom executives, led by Mr Deryk van der Weyer, the ex-Barclays banker, now the corporation's deputy chairman. was in New York last week taking further soundings from American institutions.

The Government is still pondering whether to try to sell the shares in Tokyo and Europe

Both the Treasury and the Department of Trade and Industry appear to have become progressively more sanguine in recent months about the danger of the issue being too big for London to handle. The strength of world stock markets, coupled with the decision to stagger payments for the shares, have helped to make the issue look more digestible, at least for the time being

If anything the Government and it advisers are more exercised about finding effective ways of spreading ownership as widely as they can in this

A more fundamental ques-York at the same time as the tion to be resolved before the

marketing process can begin in carnest is precisely what kind of beast investors are going to be offered.

For an issue of this size, an awkward number of critical decisions still have to be taken by the Government about the structure of the corporation and the competitive environment in which it will have to operate after privatization.

British Telecom and Whitehall officials are still negotiating, for example, about how far below the rate of inflation its inland call charges should be held under the RPI-X formula which will limit the corporation's scope for price increases in the first five years of its private life.

British Telecom is believed to have been holding out for a figure of around 1 per cent below inflation, while the Overnment has been urging a slightly higher figure. The outcome will be critical to the corporation's short-term profitability and therefore to its likely reception by the market. The statement on future

competition policy, which the Government has promised after its first tentative offering last November, will be equally

important. This disclosed that Mercury will be the only rival national network operator Tele-com has to face until 1990 but it left a number of other key questions unresolved.

In addition, the Government has still to publish a final version of the licence under which Telecom will operate, and to appoint the man it wants to run the Office of Telecommunications, the regulatory body which will have the crucial role of monitoring the corpor-ation's activities for uncompeti-

The comulative effect of all these uncertainties is to make the task of valuing and pricing Telecom more than usually difficult. Both Whitehall and the bakers in the issue are aware of the need to take decisions as quickly as possible, in order that City institutions can have as long as possible to get to grips with an unusual and largely unknown corporate creature.

But the bill is not expected to receive the Royal Ascent until Easter, so there is only limited time left,

A further complication is that it is only in the last three years that British Telecom has managed to put its accounts - run for years on a simple centralized cash-flow basis deemed appropriate for a civil service department - into a form that makes conventional corporate analysis possible. The interim figures Telecom promises to prodyce by April look like being the first to be given a clean bill of health by the auditors. For the first time, they will give City analysts something to chew on.

As a monopoly, British Telecom has been highly profitable. Last year, according to its individualistic current cost accounting, it reported a pretax profit of £356m. The crucial question for the market and the Treasury, as Sir George Jefferson, Telecom's chairman, pointed out again this week, is whether the shares comes to the market regarded as a growth company in a high technology industry or as something more akin to a dull utility.

Sir George has no doubts that Telecom can be a growth stock, provided that the Government does not lumber him with a too debt heavy balance sheet, and provided the regulatory framework is not so restrictive as to hinder his scope for expansion. in the market's eyes, much

will depend on how quickly Telecom can improve its productivity over the next five years, and how quickly its 15 billion a year capital spending on modernizing its network begins to pay dividends in the form of greater profit margins.

The way they made it to No 10

Bosses and workers of 37 smaller businesses went to Downing Street last night for the fourth "reception for success" held by Mrs Thatche companies making a valuable contribution to Britain's industrial and commercial endeav-

As the Prime Minister and a bevy of ministers circulated amid the cocktails to hear how the entrepreneurs had seized success, a profile emerged of the sort of enterprise which is likely to make it to such a reception at Number 10.

There were more companies involved in low and medium technology than might have been expected. Only a third of those there could be readily identified as being in the higher reaches of technology.

A third had strong export records. Seven were leaders in

records. Seven were leaders in their field either internationally, nationally or regionally. There was one ethnic busi-

ness - and one management buy-out. The ethnic business was that of Dyke & Dryden from Tottenham in London, founded nearly 20 years ago by three West Indians to meet the hair-care needs of the black population It has since branched out into

other beauty aids, last year winning the "Black Community Achievements Award for Indus-Plumb Contracts of Coventry

was formed last year after a management buy-out from the Owen Owen Group for £1.25m,



Debbie Moore . . . opening on Broadway in April

Plumb is now one of the leading and in Britain. Among the bosses were three women including Debbie Moore, manspecialist interior contract furnishing companies in Britain, having gained many big conaging director of London's tracts for commercial ventures Pineapple Dance Studios, who like offices, shops, hotels and is among this year's nominees leisure complexes, both abroad for the Business Woman of the

house into a dance studio in 1979, has since opened two further centres in London, and Work's in April opens on New York's Broadway what is being claimed as the largest dance centre in the world. Pineapple is now Europe's largest retail dance-Mrs Vivience Flower rans Katie's Kitchen at Wembley in the London suburbs, employing

Year Award. She turned a Covent Garden pineapple ware-

85 on producing pizzas and other fresh foods selling to most big multiple retail chains. Mrs Anne Scullion is a partner with ber husband at Lisburn, Northern Ireland, where in an old stable building they started in 1981 to produce the first "real ale" in Northern Ireland for a

quarter of a century.

Their Hilden ale is shortly to be bottled and sold in the British mainland market.

There were half a dozen companies which have been notably successful in traditional industrial sectors which have been having a difficult time. Huddersfield's John Crowther Group, a woollen fabrics maker faced with closure in 1981, had been successfully turned round, with turnover since up 500 per cent and jobs doubled to 370, Mrs Thatcher had a special

word for John Flood, production director of Casu Electronics at Uxbridge, Middlesex, launched in 1979 to develop and manufacture microcomputers. The Prime Minister's office uses a Casu system as part of Number 10's correspondence retrieval sys-

YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Another way to borrow

want the certainty of borrowing at a fixed rate but do not want to risk finding themselves locked in Indefinitely if interest rates fail, Lloyds Bank has introduced a new loan scheme which goes some of the way towards meeting these objectives, writes Peter Wilson-

The Lloyds Bank Business Loan Includes an interest rate conversion option which allows ong-term borrowers to switch from fixed to floating interest rate or vice

versa every five years.
The loans will range from \$2,000 to £500,000 covering investment or working capital needs. Repayments can be tailored to meet the borrowers' needs including up to two years' grace before repayments start. Loans can be for as long as twenty years, although this is likely to be the

exception rather than the rule The conversion option is not all to the borrower's advantage. Lloyds reserves the right to review interest rates every five years and change them in line with market conditions, although the choice of fixed or floating rate is entirely up to the customers.
There is a one per cent

arrangement fee (£500 maximum) on the loans which will cost 3 to 5 per cent over base rate for floating rate loans; the present charge for fixed rate finance is 13.5 to 15.5 per cent. Lloyds also requires security for loans over ten years.

Harlow Enterprise Agency has been launched, offering free advice on things like cash flow, marketing and general business skills. Among the backers are professional people and 14 local industries and organisations, including the district council and three clearing banks. Tesco Stores has seconded one of its

headquarters are at nearby Accountants, patents experts and solicitors are among local professionals who are giving

executives. Denis Williams, to

direct the agency, Tesco's



Mr Williams would like to see

contribute. But more money was needed, too, he emphasized. The new agency covers several smaller towns, including Bishop's Stortford, Cheshunt, Hoddesdon and Ware, Inquiries have also come from other parts of the country, and Mr Williams believes the opening of the M25 motorway and the proximity of Stansted Airport will draw small new businesses to the area. Contact: Harlow Enterprise Agency, 19 The Rows, The High, Harlow, Essex; telephone (0279)

More than £1m in grants for nearly 200 small workshop conversions in derelict rural buildings have been approved since March last year by the

Development Commission, the rural development agency fo It is the first year since its 35 per cent grant scheme for conversions has been extended from farm

buildings in remote upland areas to all buildings in a wider spread of rural areas. The commission hopes to continue the scheme beyond March next year when, on present planning, it would run out.

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Johnson lifts gold medal to put the downhill experts in their place



had been one of the racers to open the Lake Placid downhill in 1980, snow fodder for the men who really mattered. Now had made the downhill Masia of Austria, Switzerland and Canada, as one American colourfully dubbed them, eat their contemptuous words after his victory at Wengen last month. It is three years since a skier from another country won a downhill, Peter Mueller, of Swtizerland, took the silver medal and Anton Steiner, of

This is only Johnson's third season in Europe, having missed the 1981-82 season for disciplinary reasons. He is something of a free spirit, "basically able to do anything I want". He modestly claims. The quarrel with authority has been short side and technically patched up and yesterday he straightforward, as is commonly was the hero of the American

Austria, the bronze,

Johnson's first World Cup victory, in Wengen, was greeted derision because of the freak conditions, but a fourth place at Cortina a week or two ago "solidified that I'm one of

From forerun- the downhill. It takes quite a bit ner to foremost to throw yourself doaw a downhill skier montain".

the metamorphosis experienced by Bill lobases in the world is the metamorphosis experienced by Bill lobases is lobases in the world is Since arriving here Johnson has thrown himself down Mount Bjelasnica so impressively Johnson in a favourite for the Olympic title.

sweet fulfillment on ca vesterday. He dian, finally admitted. "He's got Mount Bjelasnica yesterday. He the best chance." Certainly the conditions created by new snow suited Johnson, who is from the west coast of the United States and does not take kindly to ice, more commonly found in the

> An intermediate time placed Johnson 0.19 secs behind Pirmin Zurbriggen, but the American showed greater drive lower down. The first of the two testing bumpy stretches, which arrow the skiers into thrilling orbit, was a little untidy, but the second, more demanding, was taken in perfect control, with an immediate return to the tuck position. Thereafter it was downhill all the way, so to

speak, This was the easiest course the main exponents of downhill will meet all season; on the the case in the Olympics to accomadate skiers from contries where snow is notable only for dislocation of traffic.

It is also the easiest race to life preparing for this one big shot", Johnson points out, "and They had to learn to respect blow it in the blinking of an twelfth place in Lake Placid.

Me". He admits to being a daredevil, but "everyone is in his part yesterday.

Artesting as Roman Batterski's twelfth place in Lake Placid.

But at 19 he has time on his side.

mediate time and a man of his ast experience might have been expected to hang on, but the lower part of the course caught him out. Steiner, similarly, could not match John-son's drive in the lower reaches.



The popular favourite, Franz Klammer, of Austria, looked rather like yesterday's man. He won the 1976 title in such spectacular style that he became a living legend. Even his exclusion from the Austrian team in 1980 could not destroy his reputation, but he never promised to achieve his ambition of a second title. He was desperately untidy through the passage of six giant slalom-type

Martin Bell, the principal British entry, did not disgrace himself for he finished eightlose, for one mistake can be eenth, with a number of crucial. "You can spend all your distinguished skiers in his wake, It was not as statistically arresting as Kourad Bartelski's



Michela Figini flies downhill to become the youngest winner of an Olympic Alpine title.

lumps, landing some 60 metres

Mair of Italy and Cathomen Switzerland follow. Then

It has been a heavy blow to

"I motored on the flats",

Johnson says, which seems to

summarize this downhill sen-

IN BRIEF

RACKETS: Richard Gracey and Martin Smith; the veteran cam-paigners from Tonbridge, fended off

paigners from Tonbridge, fended off a tough challenge from James Male and Julian Snow, the young Radley pair, in the quarter finals of the Celextion amateur doubles championship at Queens' Club on Wednesday, William Stephens writes. They won by 15-6, 15-4, 12-15, 12-15, 15-10, 15-7.

BADMINTON: The Scotland squads for Thomas Cup and Uber

squads for Thomas Cup and Uber Cup qualifying matches in Belgium from February 23 to 26 are:

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row in Glenshee with Ewan Mackenzie (Aviemore), runner-up in the United Kingdom championships, the favourite. His closest rival is likely to be Andrew Main, a former Olympic biathlete. TENNIS: France's Davis Cup team have arrived in New Delhi without Yannick Noah, giving themselves more than a week-to prepare for their group first round the against India, starting on February 24.

India, starting on February 24, Noah will join them after playing at Palm Springs, in the United States.

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CLUS MATCHES: Abaravon 8, Ebber Vale 0; Bath 35, RAF 4; Bristol 52, Royal Nevy 7: Cardif 17, Newtoridgo 9; Cross Key 58, Newport 16: Lianell 57, Pembroke 13; Lydney 15, Meestag 7; Neuth 1, Pompardd 6: Pontypool 26. South Wales Police 16: Oxford University 9, Dublin University 13; Earer 0, St Mary's Hospital 3. Hospital Cape Sent final round: Royal Free 12, Westminster 9.

TABLE TENNIS SUROPEAN LEAGUE: West Garmany 1, Great Shain 6, Mangary 3, Potend 4; Coschoelovskis 4, France 3; Yugoslevik 4, Sheeden 3.

2; G Viles (Arg) bt I Lend (Cz) 2-6, 6-0, 7-6, 6-0.

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grand pric 6 Foster (Tartworth) bt 5 Newbory
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Taylor (Blackburn) 6-6; W Werbanisk (Cerl) bt J
Wilte (Tooling) 6-4. E Classifon (Aus.) bt J
Spancer (Mancester) 7-5; J Virgo (Sirepperton)
of A Higgins (Manchester) 6-4.

ENTATIVE MATCH: Oxford University University 12.

FOOTBALL EAGUE CUP: Northernois

sation. He does not think it was

much fun, just a job.

Johnson of America, the slightbrash, blue-eved national

beyond: but the dream is over.

Gallery packed for mountain extravaganza first third of the course, which comes in sight, third man down,

We awake in the city and there is mist. From the downhill summit the course stewards, who rise before dawn each day. announce that at last the propects are good. Thousands of buses and ramshackle taxis once more start the long grind up to Bjelasuka.

At the start, which funnels out of the roof of a little restaurant like some industrial sluice, the temperature is minus 10°C even though, by mid-morn-ing, the sun is bathing this beautiful mountain and spotlighting the multitude of pho-tographers dotted along the borders of the run, buttercup yellow in their uniform anoraks.

Winding their way down past the two big jumps which dominate the last quarter of the course come a hundred soldiers khaki with aluminium bucket-shovels, singing a hauntround the slopes. They have done their work.

Spectators in long black ribbons are struggling upwards outside the orange safety fenc-ing, often knee-deep in soft snow on a one-in-two slope, in search of superior viewing points. Including the crowd down in the apron surrounding the finishing line, there will be an estimated 30,000 on the mountain for the most celebrated event of the Games, many, at the top and mid sections, themselves on

Half a mile up the course, long before the start, the mountain air is overcome by the aromas of garlic sausage and bitter-sweet slivovic, together with lungs-full of acrid cigarette smoke. Many of the trees provide dress-circle seats.

Helicopters come and go from the car park area, doosing everyone within a hundred yards snow-spray and rudely blowing over two huge hot-air advertising balloons, which roll about on top of parked cars like drunken dancers before finally collapsing.

towers like a vast wedding cake with tens of thousands of white candles. The treeline extends more than two-thirds of the way to the top and the snow is thick. Even on the course, marshals making last-minute inspections send a plume like watersklers every time they do a stem turn. It is certainly not a fast course, by comparison with most World

Other stewards, nonchalantly side-slipping down 50-degree gradients, sprinkle fir twig just off the ski-line between gates to give the competitors a focus point on the white blur when burtling downwards at more than 60 mph.

Now the moment arrives. The forerunners have test-skied the

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Lower slopes rather worn
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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from a tourist board.

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Pearce is rated

David Pearce, the British heavyweight champion, has been given a No 7 cruiserweight rating by the WBA. He could meet the winner of next month's world title bout

between Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico) and John Odhiambo

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Spinks defends

New York (Reuter) - Michael Spinks, the undisputed light-heavy-

sonnes, the undesputed light-heavy-weight world champion, will make his ninth defence when he meets Eddie Davis, a fellow American, in a 12-round bout in Atlantic City on February 25.

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vulture-like. In the freezing sunshine at the summit where frost is luches deep on chair-lift pylons, Gary Athans, of Cana-da, kicks through the gate, turns sharp left on one of the few icy corpers. Can North America break the European strangle-

From the chairlift, sometimes rising high above the trees, there is a wonderfull view of the skiers as they swoop over the

ALPINE SKIING

Men's Dominit: 1, W Johnson (U.S.), 1 min
45.59 sec: 2, P Musiler (Switz.), 145.85; 3, A
Steiner (Austria), 145.95; 4, P Zurbrigger
(Switz.), 146.05; equal 5, U Raeber (Switz.), 146.05; (198.05), 146.32; 7, S Wildgruber
(WC), 146.32; 8, S Podborski (Carl, 146.32; 1
T Brooker (Carl), 146.64; 10, F Klammer
(Austria), 1.47.04, British placings: 18, M Bell, 149.09; 32, G Bell, 150.06; 33, C O'Brien, 150.36; 37, F Burton, 1:51.15.
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Soe@ner (Austria), 1:14.95; 9, E Kircher
(Austria), 1:14.55; 10, V Wallinger (Austria), 1:14.55; 10,

SPEED SKATING
Mean's 1,500 metrics: 1, G Boucher (Carr), 1 min
58.39 ec; 2, 8 Kinkbrikov (USSR), 1:58.83; 3,
O Bogfer (USSR), 1:58.85; 4, H Van Helden
fr), 1:59.37; 8, H Prig (EG), 1:59.41; 6, A
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1:59.77; 8, V Sneshen (USSR), 1:59.81; 9, P,
Nikhyia (Fin), 2:00.01; 10, F Schall (Neth),
2:00.14 British placing; 39, B Carbo, 2:13.25,
NORDIC SKIING
MEM'S 4x10tem CROSS-COUNTRY RELAY; 1,
Sweden 1th 55mins, 06.30bec; 2, Soulet Union
1:55:16.50; 3, Finland 1:58:21.40; 4, Norway
1:57:27.80; 5, Switzenad 1:58:00.00; 6, West
Germany 1:59:30.20; 7, Italy 1:59:30.30; 8,
Linked States 1:59:52.30; 9, East Germany
2:02:13.90; 10, Bulgaria 2:03:17.60. Other
placing: 14, Britain 2:10:09.90.

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WORKEN'S EVENT: (efter short programme):
1, K Witt (EG) 2.2pts: 2, F Sumners (US) 2.6s. 3,
K Ivanova (USSR) 4.2; 4, E Vodorazova (USSR)
4.4; 5, A Kondrasheva (USSR) 5.8; 6, S
Cariboni (Switz) 8.2; 7, M Ruben (WG) 8.0; 8, T
Chir (US) 8.0; 8, S Dubravoto (Yug) 8.4; 10, C
Leistmer (WG) 9.4, British placing: 17, G
Jackson 18.2.

BASKETBALL

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SPEED SKATING

to the innocent holiday skier we already know he is three-seems as precipitous as the tenths of a second behind the the gullies carved through the forest, flying like swallows yet always on a razor's edge.

I watch the critical first 15 competitors from the two Jumps ome 20 seconds from the finish. Can Franz Klammer achieve the unique Olympic double, following his remarkable 1976 run?



ICE HOCKEY

WINTER OLYMPICS (Medreaday' results) Group 8 (lifth and final round); Czechoslovaka 4, Caracla C; Austria 8, Norway 5; Finland 3 United States 3; Potard 8, Vigoslavia 1; Soviet Union 10, Sweden 1; West Germany 9, Italy 7.

Skiling: women's station

Bobsleigh: four-men (first runs)

be hockey: Final round, first series

Czechoslovakie v Sweden and Canada

v Soviet Union; fifth place game.

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Clarissa Strachan is trying for a place in the Olympic equestrian

team after being out of competition for three months with a broken neck. She has just taken off the plaster, and has been told she can ride again in six to eight weeks. A member of Britain's gold medai 1977 Furnmen champingship teem.

1977 European championship team she will ride Interceptor Alarms

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FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

SNIGAPORE: Open summer's tournament: First round leaders: 70: M lenhikases (Jup), 71: D Felm (Jup), 72: D Helmicke (US), I licebuchi (Jep), A Nationo (Jep), 74: L Alderste (US), D Dowling (GB), D Levique (Can), S Austin (US), Tosi Li Histary (Tel), Other GB placings: 76: B Histe. 80: A Wynn, D Reld, 82: S Cooper.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Buffeto Sabres 7, Boston
Bruins 4; St. Louis Blues 4, Detroit Rad Wings
3, New York Rangers 3, New York Islanders 2,
Minnesote North Stars 3, Toronto Maple Leafs
0; Chicago Bleck Hewics 5, Guebec Hordiques
2; Etimonton Ollers 7, Winnipeg Jets 4; New
Jersey Devits 9, Los Angeles (Ings 4; Montreal
Caradiens 6, Hartford Wassers 3.

CYCLING

Today's events liathlor: 4 x 7.5km relay

Olympic effort

Victory salute: Bill Johnson holds the US flag aloft after winning the men's downhill.

WINTER OLYMPIC RESULTS

up for second-interval time of Zubriggen, of Switzerland, just before him, Klammer rockets over the

The only woman, it seems who can now beat Miss Witt is Miss Witt, Her free skating, on vester-day's evidence, should be superior to that of an uninspired Miss Sumners, and Tiffany Chin, a delightfully elfin 15-year-old Ameri-can, is too far back to mount a

Miss Witt, dressed up like Christmas tree, wore a tiara, perhaps to symbolize her imminent ascendancy to this throne. Appro-priately, she skated like a queen, with a glittering triple tow loop in the combination jump and no trace error in any of the other elements.

Miss Chin was placed second in

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FA Cup

Fifth round

A big step Miss Witt

Katarina Witt, of East Germany,

skated a brilliant short programme yesterday to move up two places and take the lead from Rosalyna Sumpers, of the United States, the world champion, in the Zerra stadium. Elena Vodoreza, the Russian champion, provides the middle of the sandwich.

Miss Sumners, on the other hand, touched down with her free foot on the double exel, travelled conspic ously on her spins and gained little altitude in the flying sit-spins. She was only fifth and thereby sacrificed 1.6 points to Miss Witt.

the short and was even preferred to Miss Witt by one judge, from Switzerland, but her fallibility in the compulsory figures leaves her too high a mountain to climb.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Blackburn Rovers v Southampton (7.15) Scottish first division Raith Rovers v Alloa Athletic NORTHERN PREMER LEAGUE BUTON V GRUTTHIN MOSSINY V WORKSOP FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Swanses v Fultum (8.0)

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(7.0); London Irish v Old Belvedere (2.45;
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Fytole

RUGBY LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Great Britain France (at Headingley)

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S JUNIOR TERRITORIAL TOURS. MENT (at Lytham St Ames): North v Miclary (1.0); West-v South (2.0); East v North (3.0)

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divisions Camden v Brunel Ducks (at Uxdringe.

8.0)
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Swindon Town 1; Reading 1, Palachorough United 1.

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From John Hennessy

Blackburn Club chiefs and ITV a large in another up crowd conflict conflict

FOOTBALL

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1975. Saton admitted: "Blackburn's past is sometimes a problem far me but one that I relish.
"It could be the year for a second division club to win at Wembley." said Sexton. "There have been so many surprises which shows the gap between the respective divisions has narrowed dramatically in the last 10 years.

ackburn will be without Barker,

their 19-year-old midfield player, who broke a finite toe in mining and missed last Saturday's 1-1 draw at Derby.

Blackburn's goalkeeper, Tony Gennoe, played for Southampton against Nottingham Forest in the 1979 League Cup Final. Southampton will be at full strength and manager Lawrie McMenemy warned: "We thought going to Portsmouth in the fourth round was tough. This one is going to be toucher.

Two Southern League Midland

Blackburn expect to have double their average attendence for today's FA. Cup fifth round tie with Southampton at Ewood Park, even though it will be broadcast on relevation. "Leaving bame on a cold ment isn't easy when the match is being televised, but football needs atmosphere" said Bobby Saxton. The war between the Footial League and the television companie another battle brotze our yesterus.
The two sides hirolyted use the chairmen of the first and second division clubs and ITV, whose Sunday programme was kept off the air for form months during an internal dispute.

The observer after their meeting

being televised, but football needs atmosphere" said Bobby Saxton, Blackburt's manager. "Cameras are no substitute for the special feeling of a biggame and I hope people will come along to sample it. It's vital for the players and the occasion as a whole. I believe we could have a gate of around 15,000.

"We realise Southampton are the their coverage to three games each medical for the rest of the season to make up for the revenue lost from perimeter advertising and shint perimeter indicates and ships sponsorship. The strike, they salle, had cost the chibs "a fortune" but, in their last 16 matches, attendances have dropped below 6,000 for half their 16 home games this season.
Blackburn won the FA Cup six times in 44 years around the turn of the century, including three in a row from 1884 to 1886, but their only win in the last 56 years was the third division title which they took in 1975. Saton admitted: "Blackburn's past its cometimes a problem for measure of the control o

was renosed.

An TTV spokesman said: "We cannot extend the running time of our recurded highlights because our networked schedules are worked out so far in advance and are so complex that it would be impossible to do vo. In editorial quality terms, we could not do justice to three games in an hour.

Graham Kelly, secretary of the League, admitted that it was tronic that the clubs were now calling for more football on television. Last summer during the acrimonlous delate, before a deal, worth £5.2m over two years, was signed, many said that they preferred it to be

barred.

He said: "we are in He said: "we are an an experimental stage with live tele-vision and, if that proves successful, as we believe it has been for television, then presumably thoy would want that to continue. We don't talk lightly about threats. It is more a question of a goodwill gesture by ITV, and so far they seem moviling."

Jack Dungett president of the League, added that "the meeting expressed the feeling that the strike might have been settled soorer." The ITV spokesman replied that while we have much sympathy with the League, the strike was a union matter which was pathy and of our control.

The chairmen were also reminded

Two Southern League Midland
Division clubs have new managers,
ian Cooper, the former manager of
Sutton Coldfield Town and Telford
United, succeeds Graham Newton
at Willenhall Town, and Wilf
Tranter, the former Manchester
United, Brighton and Fulliam
player and receasily manager of
Witney Town, replaces Philip Lines
at Banbury United. The chairmen were also remioded than seven of the recommendation included in Sir Norman Chester-report had still not been implymented. One of them concerns the structure of the League.

Barton frustrated by a comedy of errors

The two Milk Cup semi-finals Richardson for tomorrow's fixture this week might have been staged in against Shrewsbury Town. He different worlds rather than merely became their hero by scoring the in different Parks. At Fellows on Fuesday, the air was heady, as though Liverpool and Walsall were frolicking at high altirade. At Goodison on Wednesday, it was claustrophobic as though Everton underground.

The contrast between the two pairs standing on Wesnble's doorstep was perhaps predictable. Since Liverpool, the holders who reached the final for the fourth successive year, and Wakail are both standing on top of their respective League tables, they could affort to have faith in their abilities and or forward without first. and go forward without fear.

Villa and Everton, lying twelfilk and thirteenth in the first division, have no such confidence. Each individual appeared to be more concerned about imprisoning his direct opponent than releasing his own ideas. The pitch seemed to be filled with a collection of ballroom dancers climeing tenaciously to their

second goal and was then fortunate to escape becoming the villain when he "sived" Shaw's last-minute effort on the line.

Richardson was aware that he was in considerable pain throughout the last hour. Only afterwards however, did be discover that his right wrist was not merely fractured but also dislocated. Seldom does a scorer refuse the congratulations of his colleagues, but it is clear now why he told them all no keep

Tony Barion, Villa's manager, admitted that two goals is big beyond us. I saw nothing to make us fear the second leg at home next Wednesday. He added that he could not understand how the referce failed to award "such a biatant penalty. It was sickening."
Having seen his defence also give Everton the lead through a "stupid comedy of errors", the frustration of filled with a collection of ballroom dancers clinging tenaciously to their partners.

Everton may be the only side yet to be beath in any cup time this season but they have probably lost to be beath any cup time this side a final appearance at the season but they have probably lost to be beath in any cup time this side a final appearance at the season but they have probably lost.

Hey sacked by Bury

FA seeking charter to ease 'pyramid' problems

is at the top of the pyramed.

Some leagues and clubs, however, have been reluctant to support the system. Some Midlands clubs, for example, believe their best representatives outside the Alliance League, should be in a specifically Midlands league: at present, they are split mostly between the Southera, Northern Premier, West Midlands and Northern Counties East league. An attempt has been made recently An attempt has been made recently by the Central Midlands League to form such a league next season, but it would seriously weaken both the

And the state of t

The FA have actively supported the formation of the pyramid, but have never laid down rules by which leagues should abide. Leagues within the pyramid want the FA to take a tougher line with leagues such as the Central Midlands and Athenian: feel they have made substantial sacrifices for the sake of the pyramid and deserve stronger support in defence of it.

The charter will not force leagues to come into line, but the FA hope it will strengthen the pyramid, Adrian Titcombe, the FA official behind the setting up of the pyramid, said:

setting up of the pyramid, said:
"The charter puts into black and
white the principles of the pyramid
structure and tries to formalize the
relationships between leagues. It
involves a commitment by leagues.
They undertake certain fundamen-They undertake certain for

They undertake certain fundamental principles with regard to promotion, and, relegation. If a dispute arises we can go back to what was previously agreed, but leagues won't be forced to do anything."

Bob Murphy, the former Mossley manager, has been appointed manager of another Northern Premier League club, Southport, He succeeds Alex Gibson, who had been in full charge of the team for less than two months. less than two months.

Whickhain, the 1981 winners of the FA Vase, and Stamford, the

it would seriously weaten both the other leagues in the area and the whole pyramid structure.

In the south-east, the Isthmian and Athenian leagues have failed to reach full agreement on the formation of a new Isthmian division next season. Most of the new clubs will come from the Athenian, bin because the Isthmian and Athenian, bin because the Isthmian Rugby League club.

Bury have sacked their manager in charge for Saturday's home game Jim fley after winning only one of their last nine league games. Hey aged: 44, was appointed manager in 1980 after the club had been relegated to the fourth division. Bury have failed to achieve promotion since although the match against Scotland on february 28, despite the recent dispute between the club and the Welsh, FA.

achieve promotion since anisotign they narrowly missed it last season, losing their last game to let in Scurnhospe. "I want to stay in football and I'll be back." Hey said.

Welsh FA losing their last game to let in Nicholas was out for live weeks Scunthorpe. "I want to stay in after being injured while playing football and I'll be back" liey said. against Bulgaria in November, and His assistant. Wilf McGuinness, is Palace demanded compensation

Senior semi-professional leagues will not accept every Athenian club. throughout the country are to be asked by the Foothall Association to sign a "charter of foothall". The charter will document the promotion and relegation links that the formation of the pyramid, but leagues have established with each other and which constitute the new covernity structure of non-League should abide formation of the pyramid, but have never laid down rules by which leagues should abide formation of the pyramid. "pyramid" structure of non-League football. It follows pressure from pyramid structure of non-League football. It follows pressure from many leagues on the FA to resolve some of the problems that have arisen over the setting up of the pyramid, which enables clubs to progress through promotion to leagues of higher status.

position in the north-east, wants to remain outside the structure every senior league now has 2 in the pyrmaid. For example, the isthman, Southern and Northern Premier leagues can each provide one promoted club each season to the Alliance Premier League, which is at the top of the pyramid.

Apart from the Northern League, which, because of its geographical position in the north-east, wants to

CYCLING

MILAN: Str-day race: Leading standings during sixth log: 1, FMoose (RIPR Pipes (Neth.), 251 (ths. 2, House Str.) FMoose (RIPR Pipes (Neth.), 251 (ths. 2, House College Wingling Alass, 117, one lap behind: 4, U Preuler (Switzy)G Strovel (th. 254; 5, D Thoras (Woly)G Strovel (th. 152; two laps behind: 6, D Glarger (Switzy) M Sicinost (th. 152; T. D Clarit (Ausy) P Sincolatio (th. 75; fhree laps behind: 8, J Kirsten (WG)/D Morand (th. 122; two laps behind: 8, J Kirsten (WG)/D Morand (th. 122; two laps behind: 9, I Hashid (Neth)/H Hindelang (WG), 52; deven laps behind: 10, H Rinkin (WG)/G Mantovan (th. 52.

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win his fifteenth cap and who

replaced Campbell in the closing stages of last season's

half of this season after

the first two championship

matches. He has been feeling

unwell over the last fortnight

and yesterday, after consul-

tation with Michael Molloy, the

Irish Rugby Union doctor, withdrew when the team as-

sembled for training in Dublin.

Ward's place as a replacement

goes to Condon, the London

It is not uncommon for

Green, with jumping in mind. Mr Green did not send the five-year-old

prediction that he would win. Mr Green suddenly found that he had a

horse had run in this country. Lean Ar Aghaidh had just arrived from Ireland where, like to many good jumpers, he had spent his formative

Watching Lean Ar Aghaidh race

GOING: good

game with England.

trish stand-off.

Rugby Union: Campbell pulls out of Irish side with infection: Wales get a tonic from their hooker and captain

Underwood and Barley, young men on the ball who hope to have a hand in an England victory (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Ward's thrusts can threaten England

The embattled Irish, two His withdrawal follows that scrummaging. At one stage they defeats to the bad and in the earlier in the week of Slattery, were opposed by an 11-man process of changing an aging team, sustained another blow who is due to enter hospital for blood tests though there was yesterday when Campbell, their some comfort for Ireland when stand-off half, withdrew from Ringland, the right wing, passed the side to play England at a fitness test on a groin strain. Twickenham tomorrow. His place goes to Ward, who will

In 22 matches for his country Campbell has scored 217 points but he hands over the kicking duties to a player who is equally skilled. Ward, moreover, is a typically Celtic runner who may Campbell missed the first ask more questions of England's defence, with the ball in hand, contracting a blood disease and than Campbell, still lacked his usual sparkle in Both were

Both were together in Ireland's back division in 1981 against England, when Cooke, the Harlequins flanker, played a full international scason. Cooke has been prevented from adding to his four caps by the form of Winterbottom but he joined the England squad in training at St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, yesterday as a full member of the side after three years away.

England's training was replayers to lose form the season markable for the amount of free after a Lions tour, but in running in which the backs indulged and for the evident Campbell's instance the malaise appears to go deeper than that, desire of the forwards for

pack, including the three replacement forwards, Rendall, the Wasps prop who had agreed to make up a practice front row, the physiotherapist and chairman of selectors. If they can hold eight Irishmen tomorrow as well, they will be pleased.

There were few high kicks to be seen which suggests that, given a firm ground, England will give their backs an airing. With the best will in the world conditions in the Calcutta Cup game a fortnight ago did not favour a running game and it seems to me that England's championship aspirations have been too readily discounted after one indifferent showing against Scotland.

The two newcomers from Yorkshire, Barley and Under-wood, blended in well, Barley's passing of the ball drawing appreciative comments, and though Wheeler, England's captain, denied that fundamental changes in approach were planned, it will be surprising if some frustrated English sup- Erbani's eleventh cap.

porters do not see some worthwhile rugby. "England are better than they shoed against Southead they shoed against Scotland two weeks ago,"
Wheeler said. "The championship is not yet a two-horse race.
If we beat the Irish we could be on for six points and the title."

Wheeler appreciated the disappointment felt by the sup-porters who travelled to Murrayfield: "Both sides are going out with the same feelings. Both sides have their backs to the wall and have received a lot of criticism and we have got to put it right on Saturday."

England will have their final workout this morning and Ireland, who flew in from Dublin last night, their customary afternoon jog. The French, too sustained a late change before they left Paris for Cardiff, where they play Wales tomorrow. Rodriguez, who played flanker against Ireland last month, has a broken thumb and is replaced by Erbani, who had already been asked to join the squad after doubts about the fitness of Joinel. It will be

Joker in the pack just the man for introvert Wales

Threequarters and half backs in Wales are encouraged to believe in the exalted place they hold in Welsh rughy's pantheon; the honest forwards, on the other hand, accept without illusion that they are the humble mushroom sons of the earth,

humble mushroom sons of the earth, cultivating their talents in the durk cellars of scrums, racks and mauls.

So it had come to a pretty pass, before the game with Ireland, that a mation's desperate wishes were pinned, not on the passing princes of the grand old style, those bright young things who spun and had fun on a sixpence, but rather on a hamble booker as capture.

After leading Wales B to victory against France B, it was always on the cards that sooner or later Mike Watkins would lead the senior side. In doing so against Ireland, he became the first booker since 1962, when Bryton Maradith along of when Bryba Meredith, also of when bryon bleredith, also of Newport, was captain, to lead Wales and only the third man, in the history of Welsh rugby to captain the national team on his first

Watkins played for Wales B in 1976 and 1979, when he was second choice to Alan Phillips in the Cardiff club, When it was made clear to him that he would remain second choice - at a tie when he could have commanded a first-team could have commanded a first-team position elsewhere, and was not short of legitimate offers - the honesty of his endeavour and commitment demanded that he stay with Cardiff. He preferred to compete for a place rather than accept deleat.

The debate raged - as indeed did The debate raged - as indeed did the competition - as to who was the better hooker. If the difference had been a matter of degree, the one would, sooner or later, have been judged better than the other. But they differed not in degree but in kind. It does over-simplify the argument to suggest that the one was, when the laws allowed prolonged manling, a committed mauler and was known, briefly, as The Mole, whereas Phillips, with 19



tries to his credit, judged his game and contribution differently. Watkins went with Wates to from top to toe stands a solid, immovable square. When he runs, stooping forward, his weight is evenly distributed, and his frame is so firmly structured that it seems improbable anyone should topple him. His arms angled at the elbow, sleeves rolled up, and splaying outwards from his body, he seems custom-built for the job of ripping the ball from maul, or for any other of the hooker's uneviable but essential charter.

A constant chatterer, he bolsters

Australia ans was the only player in the party not to be capped. But then for Watkins misfortune struck in 1980. He is by nature a efference and vitality. On one occasion his matrammelled enthusiam proved untrammelled enthusiam proved county.

After the last training period, two days before the game against France B in 1980, a rush of blood to the head, prompted Watkins and the replacement hooker to enjoy a premature celebration in a wine bar in Cardiff. He was reprimanded; but although the disgrace of that evening may have tempered his performance, it has not dulled his wits or challence.

wits or ebullience.
The following season be joined
Newport, who were at a low ebb, and
seemed destined for the wilderness.

However, he has revitalized his own as well as the club's fortunes, He is a broad of shoulder and only

contribution. For all the talk about coaching and techniques and the merits of this player and that, a place must be found for the joker in the pack. Rogby is meant to be fun, and only the crucial 80 minutes should be taken seriously. As touring teams in particular have found, it does not do to be over-serious. Life becomes drah, and rugby in this instance has a habit of holding up a mirror to it.

Watkins is a conscientious player and a very funny man. He has, for and a very funny man. He has, for instance, caused chaos in a hotel foyer by imitating accurately the high pitched gwyle of that non-existent instrument. These days, his party piece is to mimic the nasal Pontypool drawl of Charlie Faulkuer, And, in answering a question by a French journalist, he has assumed the stitled English of an Inspector But more dangerous of Nigel Starmer-Smith will be the Inter-views he conducts with Watkins for views he conducts with watches for Rughy Special. In addressing himself to Nigel, the Harlequin man, after the Irish match Watkins, the essential Valleys man from Cwn Carn, with a strong sense of mischief, came close, "dear Nigel,"

The emergence of Mike Watkins as captain and personality is exactly the tonic an increasingly introverted Welsh toam needed.

A constant chatterer, he bolisters his won confidence by talking to bimself, or else cajoles others into greater effort. A slap on the back is a reminder that he is always there.

There is another side to his contribution. For all the talk about

A constant chatterer, he bolsters

Morley: indefatigable Morley debt to his

inside men The indefatigable Alan Morley will be in London tomorrow, a mile down the road from Twickenham, hoping against Richmond to tack a few more tries onto the world record turnber, which the cereblished number which he established playing for Bristol against the Royal Navy on Wednesday evening. Morley's claim as the holder of the most tries scored in first-class

the most tries scored in Inst-class rugby (the figure now stands at 402) has already been established. Wednesday's record of most tries for one club passed that of 312 set by Andy Hill, the Llanelli wing, and now stands at 315. Nor has Morley any intention of retiring while he still justifies his place in Bristol's senior side.

. Capped seven times by England and now 33. Morley admitted to nerves before the game against the Navy because so many people expected him to pass Hill's mark. He is also the first to agree that he has played outside some very talented players at one of the handful of clubs in England and Wales, who have consistently tried. Wales who have consistently tried

enables a wing three-quarter to score

Cowley end Reigate sequence with last-minute try

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

number of distinguished schools, famous over the years for their football, play rugby enthusi-astically in the Lent term, among them Maivern, Charterhouse and Shrewsbury, Maivern lost for the first time last Saturday.

Their conquerors were Belmont
Abbey. who won only 21-15.
Perhaps the most pleasing of
Malvern's six victorics were against Old Swinford Hospital School, whom they beat 26-10, and Wrekin A, summarily dismissed 57-12. Malvern have been particularly well served by their excellent stand-off half and captain, Young. Reigate Grammar are enjoying an

excellent season but a formidable run of success which stretched back to November was ended by Cowley High Reigate put on considerable pressure in the first half, largely through kicking, to lead 12-0 at the interval. Morgan kicked a penalty and a dropped goal and converted a try by their No 8. Foster, the result

of fierce forward pressure. Cowley, as ever dedicated to the running game, threw the ball about enterprisingly in the second half and tries by Sephion and Earner resulted, both converted by Faza-ckerley. The final try, to earn Cowley the draw, was scored virtually on the final whistle, Reigate are looking forward to their Easter tour of British Columbia, and Coulembane was presented to be a bind. Cowley have progressed to the third

round of the Rugby League Open Cup, in which they meet Wigan College of Technology on February

A wonderful undescated run by Queen Elizabeth's Hospital (they were beaten in January. 1982) was ended by their neighbours, Bristol Grammar. QEH were 10-0 down at the interval, a sprited second-half rally could not quite bring victory, and they lost a thrilling match by a

There seems to be no stopping West Park these days. Their latest victims. King's, Macelesfield, came desperately close to disrupting their enviable record (played 23, won 23), losing 10.0 West Park, managing to losing 10-9. West Park, managing to run the ball in the mud early in the

1963: Nobie Heir 8-11-2 K Mooney (2-1 fav) F Walwyn 14 ran.

4.5 MOLE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,422: 2m 18yd) (7)

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100-30 Marshet Key, 4 Derouleds, 13-2 Fortune Cookle, 8 Most Fun, 9 On The Warpath, Sandown selections

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2.00 Classified. 2.30 Mister Golden. 3.00 Lean Ar Aghaidh. 3.35 Bajan Sunshine. 4.05 Toirdealbhach. 4.35 Marshall Key.

5-2 Master Bostman, 3 Bajan Sunshine, 5 Pansh Rigged, Bold Print, 7 Sol

4.35 CARDINAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,085: 2m 5f 75vd) (17)

first 10 minutes. King's replied with a converted penalty try and a

Austin Friers are still unbeaten, defeating Cockermonth Grammar at the weekend 10-4. Stimulating back play seems to be out of fashion these this match was no exception.

MIDLANDS 18 GROUP (v North, at Selby, Feb 25): A Preston (King's, Worcester): I Stocksbury (King Charles I, Kidderminster): D Mitchell (Bedioric): J Rutherford (Workson): P Finney (Luton Sizith Form College): A Sizide (John Teyfor HS, Buzon-on Trenit; A Bannett (Trenit): N Banbury (Arnold Hill HS, Notrochem): G Collina (Notropham HS; R Hunt (Trenit): J Murphy (de Aston, Market Rasen): M Formse (Fatchiffe): D Cossiett (Trenit): A Coller (Arnold Hill HS): 3 Povoes (Robert Smyth, Leicester). BAJAN SURSHIME (P Green) M Tete 5-11-0

BOLD PRINT (B) (BF) (Mrs G Houghton) F Walwyn 5-11-0

BRIGADIER ROSE (Mrs P Smith) M Stephens 5-11-0

CLARAGH BOY (D Nicholson) D Nicholson 5-11-0

DANISH PLIGHT (E Trorbel) N Handerson 5-11-0

MINALCO (W King) J Long 5-11-0

RIBU DANCER (R Morris) J Long 5-11-0

SIMARK (G Hubbard) J Gifterd 5-11-0

SOMERSDAY M (L Long 5-11-0

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RACING: CESAREWITCH WINNER MAKES DEBUT OVER HURDLES

Lean Ar Aghaidh can enhance a growing reputation

By Michael Philips, Racing Correspondent Bajan Sunshine, the winner of the 10 lengths, carrying 11st 7lb, Now I

Cesarewitch at Newmarket last October, makes his long-awaited debut under National Hunt rules in expect him to do equally well over the same course and distance in the Stand Novices' Steeplechase.
Toirdealbhach, who was successdebut under Nauonal Hunt fues in the Metropolitan Novices Hurdle at Sandown Park today, Like that other good stayer on the flat, King's College Boy, I expect Bajan Sunshine to adapt well and make an forcealbhach, who was successful at the same meeting, could also make a triumphant return to the Esher course by winning the Mole Handicap Steeplechase. excellent start to his new career. At Newcastle the entire pro-Bajan Sunshine was bought on the eve of the Cesarewitch by Paul

Al Newcastle the entire programme has been sponsored by Corbitt and Company (Coins) Ltd. Their main race, the Corbitt Penny Black Handicap Steeplechase, looks a good opportunity for Little Frenchman after bis encouraging run behind Honourable Man and Sam Wrekin in the Grand National Trial at Catterick last Saturday. to Martin Tate, his present trainer, until he had first allowed Rod Simpson, the horse's previous trainer, a crack at the Cesarewitch, which he so craved. When Bajan Sunshine duly lived up to Simpson's and the control of the contro Pebble Island, who fell at Ayr. with a race at his mercy, and Urseer, with a race at his mercy, and Urseer, who can so well at Catterick, when runner-up to Earl's Brig, are somewhat unoriginal but inescapable selections for the Corbitt Krugerrand Novices Hurdle and the Corbitt Sovereign Novices Hunters Green suddenly found that he had a cheap jumper on his hands. Just how good today will show.

"The sort of horse who might casily win the Gold Cup at Cheltenham one day," were the words that Eric Wheeler. Stan Mellor's experienced head lad, used when describing Lean Ar Aghaidh to me 15 months ago before the horse had run in this country. Lean

Steeplechase respectively.
Finally, there will be a good deal of emotion at Fakenham if William Wales wins the Walter Wales
Memorial Cup on Swiftwood,
because he will be wearing his father
David's colours in a race now run
annually in memory of his late and much respected grandfather. At her best, Swiftwood should be up to beating the likes of Lakin and Killer

the blue riband of English steeple-chasing was the last thought that I would have ever entertained, but now that he is steeplechasing and. Fabulous Habit, the mount of Fabulous Habit, the mount of John Reid, looks a sound proposition to gain his first victory in the £3,300 Prix de la Madeleine, over seven and a half furlongs, at Cagnessur-Mer today, Patrick Haslam's colt ran green when going under to Northern Fred a week ago, but will Lad at 11-4.

Frank Berry, pron jockey in spring to possible the proposition of the more important, racing over distances that are more in keeping with his pedigree, he is beginning to look a much more exciting prospect. A fortnight ago, he won a handicap for novices at Sandown by



Martin Tate, trainer of (3.35 Bajan Sunshine Sandown)

have benefitted from the experience.
Among his seven rivals are,
Ploughman's (Willie Ryan), Bragado (Paul Tulk) and Hatal Boy
(Tony McGione) from Britain. In the £3,300 Prix de Besancon, over 10 furlongs, Fen Tiger (W Ryan) is preferred to his fellow raiders To Asteri (T McGlone) and Native Spell (P Tulk), but a place may be his best reward. Of their right proponents Appenagie (Francisch) eight opponents Annemarie (Francois Marten) makes most appeal, although prominent displays by Complice (Antoine Junk) and Whitehorn (Michel Papoin) can be

 Esals have re-instated Bregawn at 6-1 in their ante-post betting on the Gold Cup. Wayward Lad is their favourite at 5-2 with Borrough Hill

Frank Berry, five times champion jockey in Ireland, makes a special trip to Newcastle today to partner Tacroy in the Corbitt Penny Black Handicap Chase.

Recry's Tacroy's ride in the Berry is Tacroy's ride in the

3.45 HAIG WHISKY NOVICE HURDLE QUALI-FIER (£827: 2m 80yd) (10)

4.15 WALTER WALES MEMORIAL CUP HUNTER

4-5 Lakin, 5-2 Swift Wood, 10 Kille Shark, 20 Seldatore, 33 berday, 50 Spaniquick, Susan's Mistaka.

5-2 Westway Lad, 7-2 Tuth® Bond, 5 Morvern, 8 Goldonation,

Fakenham selections

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2.15 Top Gold. 2.45 Williamson. 3.15 Brave George 3.45 Ashlone. 4.15 Swift Wood. 4.45 Morvern.

4.45 CROMER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,059: 2n

CHASE (amateurs: £1,101: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

Mellor will run three in Triumph Nudge Nudge and Herr Capitan

confirmed their places at the Cheletenham Festival next Month Chelctenham Festival next Month with wins at Taunton yesterday. Nudge Nudge joins his stable companions, Son Of A Gunner and Dodgy Future in a three-pronged attack on the Triumph Hurdle, which is Stan Mellor's lucky race. The Lambourn trainer won it with Pollardstown in 1979, and last year provided first and great with provided first and second with Saxon Farm and Tenth of October. Saxon Farm and Tenth of October.

Mellor was keen on Nuge Nudge winning before Cheltenham to ensure that the horse was not eliminated from the big field overnight. The gelding did his job with ruthless efficiency, leding virtually all the way. Sammy Lux tried to throw down a challenge at the last, but the big weight difference told on the flat, and the 7-4 favourite strode five lengths clear.

Mellor said: "Nudge has been

Mellor said: "Nudge has been slow coming to hand, and is a gross little chap, he's had a good blow today and will keep on improving. today and will keep on improving. He stays very well, and is tough and smart. He'll go for the Triumph with Dodgy Future, in whom I still have faith, and Son of A Gunner, who must be my best hope."
Herr Captain, partnered by Eddie Whettam, produced a sparkling burst of speed to cut down Mint Streak on the flat in the Cecil Hunt Memorial Trooby after the runner-

Memorial Trophy after the runner-up had looked all over the winner. Jim Old, saddling his 20th winner of the season, said: "Herr Captain goes for the Kim Muir at Cheltenham, which has been his objective all year."

year."
Personality Plus gave Richard Francis, nephew of Dick Francis, the jockey and now best-selling crime novelist, his first winner since taking over training from his father, Doug, when she landed the Star and Garter Handicap Chase at Southwell yesterday. well yesterday.

Geing: Good to soft.

1.45 STAPLE FITZPARKE HURDLE (Div. novices: £588: 2m). TOTE: Wirz £2.50. Places: £1.20. £2.80, £2.20. OP: £6.50. CSF: £17.10. S Mellor at Lambourn. 5l, nk. Marine Star (7-2) 4th. 18 ran.

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2.15 SHERINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

(£705: 2m 80yd) (13 runners)

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All this may read like a

fantasy, a passage from George Orwell, in Bath or Bradford. In

Australia and New Zealand it

could be happening next year because cricket is no longer

controlled by people who love it

as a game. England train at Lancaster

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coin is

tossed out

The ters of a coin will no longer

presenter from a quiz show.

Permit me to quote regulations 11, 12, and 13 from the playing conditions of the Rothmans one-day international series between New Zealand and England that starts at Christchurch New Zealand Lancaster Park tomorrow. "Only one white ball will be used. The sight screens shall be black. In all matches the team will wear approved coloured cloth-

There may appear to be nothing new or sinister in such rules and, indeed, such deviations from the accepted traditions of the same are now the popular part of Australasian cricket. The danger lies in their acceptance.

The only reason advanced for these colour changes when World Series began was the necessity for sharp contrasts when playing cricket under floodlights. This next series starts at I lam each day and no New Zealand ground has

Another example: the New Zealand board will appoint a referee for each match who will overs to be bowled, be responsible for any suspensions of play will soon become unrecogni-caused by bad light and review zable. any penalties imposed for not achieving over rates, "The referec's decision...shall be final and be accepted by both captains and umpires". The umpires are virtually reduced to counting the number of balls in an over and deciding whether and how a batsman is out.

The question is how far England are prepared to go down the road. What is being played in Australia now, and increasingly in New Zealand, is becoming further and further removed from the sweet mea-

Yorkshire turned a loss of £11,000 in 1982 into a profit of

It would have been much greater but for the cost of the special general

meeting last month which passed votes of no confidence in the cricket

and general committees and called for the reinstatment of Geoffrey Boycott. This is estimated in the

annual report released yesterday to have cost 427,925.

Yorkshire's income was £551,777, a rise of nearly £100,000

on the previous year with subscriptions totalling £185.924, the Test and County Cricket Board cash amounting to £195.983 and gate money rising by £17,000 to £59.718.

the John Player League.

Views differ on

Christchurch, New Zealand (Reuter) – Local cricketers who have played on the controversial Lancaster Park pitch since England's innings defeat on it earlier this month said yesterday it was cracked and pitted.

Tomorrow it will be in use ugain when England meet New Zealand in the first of three oneday internationals. One local cricketer said: "If England bat first and they have still got this hang-up about bad wickets it could all be over by 3 pm."

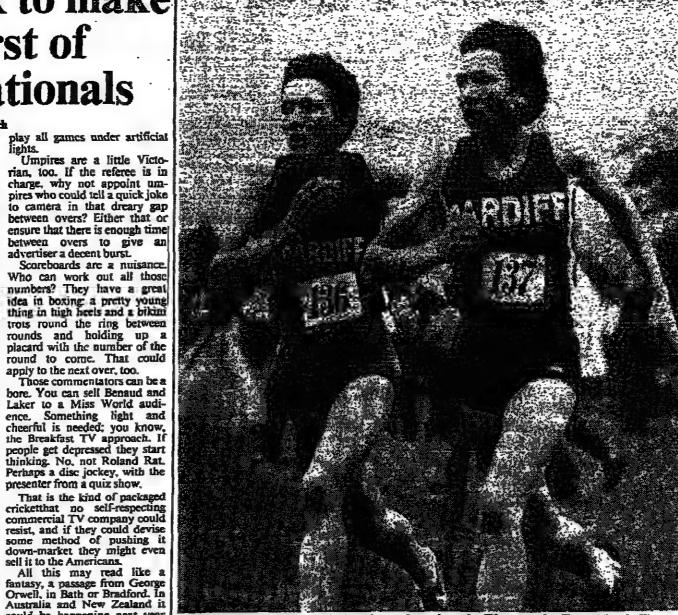
His colleagues claimed the pitch is in the same condition as when England crashed to defeat by an inning and 132 runs. But Albie Duckmanton, chairman of the Canterbury Cricket Associa-tion, said: "It appears at this stage to be a very good strip."

In a mad and dizzy pursuit of mass TV audiences and the adjudicate on disputes over profits to be skimmed from rules, "assist" the umpires in advertisers, sponsors and huge calculating revised numbers of gate receipts, cricket is being gate receipts, cricket is being forced into changes so fast it

> If coloured shirts, why not names and numbers, too? Away with these unintelligible referman, Superimpose a clock-face on the screen: square leg becomes three o' clock, and so on. Grass is unreliable and liable to change unexpectedly, so play on Astroturf where the bounce will be gentle and

Park this morning and will be keen to see what has happened to the square since the notori-ous pitch prepared for the second Test match. The other Artificial surfaces might also climinate those dangerous subversives, the spinners. Fading two matches follow in Welling light? Can't have that. Batsmen ton next Wednesday and Auck-land the following Saturday.

Tooby girls identical in every way but current fitness



Spsan Tooby (left) and Angela neck and neck (Photograph: Tony Marshall)

Dead heat for twins who came in from the cold

Angela Tooby has not quite made up her mind how good she is. The English cross-country championship at Knebworth Park, Hertfordshire, tomorrow should go a long way towards convincing her, for she is a likely winner. And if her twin, Susan, had not been injured earlier this season, the organizers might have needed a photo-finish to separate them. Few people would

be any the wiser.

They prefer to spare us the problem by not running the same race when they can avoid it, since it is a problem for them, too. "It's difficult mentally having her there," Angela says. "It's like your inner self running by your side. You're not only thinking of yourself, you're thinking of that other part of you. It's an added pressure. If the best runner in Britain were beside us it the best runner in Britain were beside us, it wouldn't matter. I would just be thinking of

Angela claims that she does not believe in notions of telepathy between identical twins. putting it down to "the same genes and conditioning". But when their new coach Ann Hill put her on a crash diet last year, and she lost a stone in two weeks, her sister also lost weight, without the diet. Susan admits that if Angela gave up running, she would too. Angela puts it another way: "As long as one of us is running, the other will have to continue."

The tors of a coin will no longer settle the fate of a county in the knock-out stages of the Benson and Hedges cop competition. The Test and County Cricket Board have decided that if no result is achieved after three days, the winner will be determined by the wicket-taking rate in the previous zonal matches.

Last sumer, in the quarter-final at Bristol, Gloucestershire lost a vital toss and Middlesex went through, going on to win the final against Esses at Lord's.

Prize money for this summer's competition has agin been increased, up £9.000 on last year's figure to £64.200. The winners will get £1,000 more at £14,000 and other prizes are: runners-up £7.000, losing semi-finalists £3.750 each: losing quarter-finalists £2,000 each: winners of zonal matches £550 each. There has never been more than a few seconds separating them since they were children, and their father sent them running around the family orchard at Woolhope. Herefordshire, when they complained of the cold. Only a week separated their respective breakthroughs into the rank of women's distance running last autumn. When Angela won the English 10 miles road championship, at Hendon on October 2, the question uppermost in our minds was "Who?" For she had never won any road race, let alone a

> The surprise was compounded when Susan won the Welsh 10 miles title in 55 mins 56 seconds, only 25 seconds slower than Angela's time, "She had to do it, because I'd done it," Angela says. "rivalry, but not jealousy," she emphasized. Then interdependence is awesome, but rewarding, like the six-day cycle racers who alternate the lead by catching each other's arm, to catapult their partner forward. From school in Hereford, they did the same university course in Aberyswyth, played the same basketball and country bockey teams, and of course, ran

After three years in Aberystwyth, they have run for Wales, which is their intension. But they have been seperated for the last couple of years. Angela stayed on in Wales to do her teacher-training, but Susan went to Loughborough, "and started training seriously", Angela says with the glint of rivalry back in her eye. That pushed Angela into finding a proper coach for the first-time in her career. a move that Susan later followed. Angela now teaches geography and PE in Cambridge, while Susan teaches the same subjects in Bristol.

They are in no doubt that Ann Hill's direction has made them into international material. After those national ten-mile victories, Angela followed up with the fastest time in the national road relay, with Susan second, and their Cardiff club easy winners of the title. But then Susan got the dreaded "shin splints", which signals an imminent stress fracture, and she eased off training for a month over Christmas.

But Angela carried all before her. She won the Paris to Versailles 17 kilometres race, and then literally decimated the record in the Morpeth to Newcastle New Year race. She took 4½ minutes off the 13 miles course record in a fierce crosswind that "threatened to blow me into a ditch". But being a little female was an advantage, I got in amongst the blokes, "she says coyly. "And then swore at them for slowing

Susan made a good comeback two weeks ago when she finished fourth in the European Club Cross Country Championships in Italy that Angela won. And Susan should still make good her forecast of the top ten in tomorrow's race.

Benning a doubtful starter

The defending champion, Christine Benning of Southampton is a doubtful starter for the tomorrow's race, which is sponsored by Provincial Insurance.

Mrs Benning, in outstanding form when she won the Southern title recently, has a cold and is nlikely to run.

The favourite now is likely to be Jane Furniss aged 23, of Sheffield, who won the Inter-Counties title convincingly. The absence of Mrs Benning could cause a problem for England's selectors, who will choose the team for the World Championships in New York on March 25.

But it is hard to draw Angela out of the same

She still clings to the relative obscurity of Woolhope. Aberystwyth and Cambridge. Susan, who got to know the personalities in her sport during her year in Loughborough, cannot believe how her sister does not know her principal opponents, but says she can understand Angela's trepidation about being one of tomorrow's favourites, after finishing thirty-third in last year's race in which Susan was thirty-first. But Angela prefers to think "my advantage is

not knowing the people I'm running against, to go into a race oblivious of who such-and-such is. Somebody offered to take her to see tomorrow's course, since it is barely 30 minutes drive from Cambridge. But she refused, "I just want to turn up and run." Asked if she wanted to modify her own top ten projection, she conceded top five" then in the same sentence admitted to "first three". Angela Tooby had better enjoy today. It will probably be her last without

Pat Butcher

TENNIS

Bates in semi-final but Perkis is hard to beat

Jeremy Bates yesterday won his 12th match in 13 starts on the Lawn Tennis Association's £70,000 indoor satellite circuit to take his place in a semi-final line up at Peterborough, in which he meets Wayne Hampson of Australia, and Olhe Rahnasto, of Finland, meets Peter Lundgren, of Sweden.

Bates tound the tall effort

Bates found the tall, slim chacher Perkis of Israel a difficult man to beat, but won 1-6, 6-1, 6-4, Perkis, a soldier in the Israeli army, who is allowed four months a

His play was full of touch, but there was not enough weight of shot to suggest he would make any kind of headway in this company.

However, after two and a half

weeks in which he has spent more time on the practice courts than

very different proposition. His play in the first set featured some unanswerable passing shots, and it was not long before Bates was looking glum.

Bates pulled himself together and after winning a close first game, played better better to level the

match at one sel apiece. He made the better start to the decider, but Perkis kept at him till the end Stuart Bale, the only other British player to earn himself a place in the Masters at Bramhall, the week after next, went down, 4-6, 3-6 to

Lundgren.
Rahnasto played well in the closing stages, but no one, perhaps, deserved more praise than Hampson. Having won the first set 6-0 and gone to 4-1 in the second, he scraped through 6-0, 4-6, 7-6.

RESULTS J Battes (GB) bit S Perkis (far) 1-6, 8-1, 6-4; W Hampson (Aus) bit R Bathman (Swe) 6-0, 4-6, 7-6; O Phanesto (Fin) bit R Battow (Aus) 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; P Lundgran (Swe) bit S Bale (GB) 6-4, 6-3.

McEnroe in festive mood

Sydney (Reuter) - John McEnroc moved closer to the final of the fourman challenge tournaments here with an easy victory over Mats Witander, by 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 In the other round-robin match, Guillermo Vilas beat Ivan Lendi 2-

McEnroe has now won both his matches white Vilas and Lendi have

yesterday by beating Robert van't Hof, of the United States, 6-1, 6-3 Hol. of the United States, 6-1, 6-3

LA CUNITA Crand Prix represent second round, (US unless street), 15 Corners to G Microbeta (Carl) 6-2, 6-3; Y Nosh (Fr) bit T Moor 4-8, 6-4, 5-2; S Clokotein (Israel) bit G Hotmes F-4, 1-6, 6-3; D Pate bit B Gister 6-4, 7-5; U Depairor bit M Dictron 3-6, 6-1, 7-5; H Mississen 6-2, 6-1; T Meyords bit B Marson 6-2, 6-1; B Teacher bit Enwards (SA) 6-4, 7-6, 6-3; J Lloyd; (GB) bit R van't Hof 6-1, 6-3; R Lutz bit R Tamper, 7-6, 6-3.

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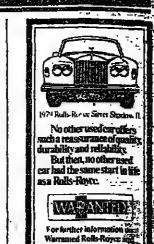
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The bulk of the gate receipts came from the eight home Sunday League matches which brought in £33,152, compared with £19,032 in 1982. Championship attendances were also up by over £5,000 to £25,474

BOXING Bruno faces Argentine champion

Terry Lawless, the manager of Frank Brano, has appealed to Briatin's boxing public to give the Argentine heavyweight champion Jan Antonio Figueroa, a warm welcome when he meets the unbeaten Londoner at Wembley Arena on March 13.

Arena on March 13.

Lawless, speaking from Tampa, Florida, said: "I bope we can be big enough to forget the trouble between the two countries. I suppose it is inevitable that there will be some booms but I'd like to ask the fans to give Figueroa a great reception. We're all sportsmen, after all. Certainly Lawiess will not want to

see any repetition of the disgraceful Wembley scenes of September 1980, when Marvin Hagler took the world middleweight title from Allan Minter and was bombarded with

Brung, chasing his twentyfirst straight win, takes on a man who stands two inches taller at 6ft 5in but weights half a stone less at 15½ stones. Figueroa has won 20 of 26 bouts, lost five and is the first Argentine to box in Britain since Santos Laciar met Charlie Magri in December 1980.

December 1980.

"I've been having a bit of a fight with Frank about his weight."
Lawless said. "He keeps telling me how big his neck and shoulders are cetting but he doesn't seem to realise his weight increases at the same time. He thinks there's a problem

Brano, aged 22, has been working bard in the Florida sunshine. "He's had 70 rounds of sparring already, 50 of them with the Commonwealth champion. Trevor Berbick, and its been invaluable experience." Law-less entrusted. "Frank's become very mature and very worldy with all the trips abroad. He is also suffering from impatience, but although he is not ranked in the top 15 by either the WBC or WBA. The King Magazine rates him tenth and they are tougher in their judgment.

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"I don't even want him in the top
10 right now, it would make my job
almost impossible, what with all the
fuss, and it's coming along perfectly
at the moment. Figueroa is just the
right sort of opponent for us."

Lawlerss plans perhaps another
20 rounds to complete a month's
working holiday - "if we can get the
right sort of sparring". Berbick will
be on the same Wembley bill, taking
on Mark "White lightning" Lee.
Also in the British contingent in
Florida with Lawless is West Ham's team trials.

Florida with Lawless is West Ham's British middleweight champion, Mark Kaylor.

Mark Ravior.

Also in the party is Britain's other great trainer, George Francis, who has with him Cornellus Boza-Edwards, John Mugabi, who boxes on Sunday, and Bristol's Nick Wilshire, who next Wednesday tackles Orpington's Jimmy Cable for the British light-middleweight site at the Albert Halt. title at the Albert Hall.

The club is to spend £33,500 on Headingley to bring the scating capacity to more than 20,000 by the

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capacity to more than 20,000 by the start of the season.

Boycott replied yesterday to the critics who think he should not stand for election to the Yorkshire committee. The former cricket chairman, Ronnie Burnet, said on Wednesday that Boycott would be a "spy in the camp" if he continued to play and sit on the committee and play and sit on the committee and added: "Nothing is more calculated to destroy team spirit and under-mine captain David Bairstow's

Mendis to lead

Colombo, (Reuter) - Duleep Mendis, aged 31, has been appointed Sri Lanka's captain for three Test matches and three one-day internationals against New Zealand next month. He will also lead Sri Lanka in the first Asia Cup and sponsorship reached a record cricket tournament at Sharjah in ligure of £47,330.

GOLF Graham's lead slips as he suffers rough luck

Melbourne (Reuter) - David Graham, of Australia, forfeited the outright lead in the first round of the £97,000 Australian Masters tourna-ment at Huntingdale yesterday when he had a six at the par-four 18th hole.

18th hole.
Graham was in trouble in the rough with one of his approach shots and the lapse left him sharing first place on 69, four under the card, with fellow-countrymen Mike Ferguson and Terry Gale.

Enguson who planted early in the Ferguson, who played early in the day, was in the clubhouse for three

hours before Graham and Gale joined him. It was an unhappy day for the overseas players. Nick Faldo, in trouble at the 18th, had a level-par 73 to finish one ahead of the American. Calvin Peete, and Bernhard Langer of West Germany.

Langer was upset by the slow play. "I've been out there too long." he told tournament director David Inclin

he told tournament director David Inglis.

Faldo was playing in the same group as Graham Marsh, the Australian he beat in last year's world match-play event at Wentworth after a controversial incident when a spectator returned a wayward approach to the green.

But there was no such help for Faldo vesterday. His approach to the 18th green went wide to the right, passed through the branches of a tree and rolled under scaffolding supporting the main

of a tree and rolled scaffolding supporting the scoreboard.



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Faldo crawled in and retrieved it.

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MANILLA: Philippine Open: Second round leaders (Philippines unless stated): 138; R. Lavres 76, 68, 140; P. Braza 68,72, 143; M. Siodina 59, 74, 144; D. Nadales 78, 56, 145; J. Rates 73, 172, 147; E. Bagtas 74, 73; B. Mogg. (US) 77, 70, 148; T. Abordorada 73, 75, G. Ababa 74, 74, 146; T. Sleckman (US) 74,75; J. Lewis (US) 75, 74.

HOCKEY

North could win again

The national junior territorial tournament starts today at Queen Mary's School, Lytham St Annes. and the programme will continue until 11.30 on Sunday morning. The presentation of the trophy will be followed by the announcement of the squads for the England junior

The tournament will be a severe test of endurance. Each side will have played four matches in three days fonly the North do not play on Sunday morning) and then those selected for the final trial will play again at noon on Sunday - a far cry from the earlier limit of one match a

day.

For the last three years the North have held pride of place, with three successive wins, though last year successive wins, though last year they took precedence over the South on goal difference. They appear again to have a strong side with the captain. Holly Rowe, Andrea Fleming and Julie Pearson playing on home ground.

The West, with Heather Tilsley (Cornwall) as captain, learnt much from an early match on February 4 with British Colleges, to whom they lost 0-2. Tracey Wilce, daughter of a

fine former England player, Eileen Wilce, captains the East side which looks strong on paper. hard, under the leadership of Sarah Jane Harding. The South have a good mixture of experience and the

up-and-coming. Given reasonabl seather, the tournament should be full of interest. Tomorrow, at the College of St Paul and St Mary. The Park, Cheltenham, the first and second teams of British Colleges Sports Association and British Polytechnic Sports Association, will play each

other, starting at 2 pm. EAST: 8 Bend, M Allen, C Currey, D Seradi, K Hudes, A Berg, A Burger, H Frenzasa, S Free, T Wike (capt), S Chandler

IN BRIEF

Bright manages British team in Los Angeles

Ron Bright, who has coached Britain's modern pentathlon Olym-pic team since 1960, will be team manager this summer in Los Angeles. Bright a former competitor, coach the British gold medal team in Montreal.

The team coach will be Robbie Phelps, who represented Britain in almost every Olympic Games and world championship between 1964 and 1974. He is the uncle of a team member. Richard Phelps, who leaves on February 24 for training at San Antonio, Texas, and will compete in the United States International in March The team's International in March. The team's coach-armourer is Staff Sergeant Bernie Moss, coach at the Modern Pentathion Centre of Excellence at

Arborfield, Berkshire, BASKETBALL: With seven players suffering from gastro-enternis, Austin-Rover Sunderland were Austra-Rover Sunderland were given permission by the English Basketball Association to postpone last night's crucial first division game at Crystal Palace. The players were examined in their London hotel by a doctor, who advised the EBBA that they were puffit to play. Sunderland's came at Revision! Sunderland's game at Bracknell Pirates tomorrow night is also

year in which to pursue his sport, came to the tout looking as if he had been starved of rather more than merely learns.

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BOXING: Nino La Rocca, of Italy, meets Gilles Elbilia, of France, the reigning champion, for the European witherweight title at Capo D'Orlando. Sicily, on Sunday, it will be Elbilia's first defence. La Rocca is south & Davey, Y Derdy, F Cheney, S J Dodd, F Bowen, K Scott, J Yacley, L Sweln, J Parkson, L Wadey, G Moss. A Block, A Stroud, K Woods.

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even getting into the car, let alone driving it, a potential owner has been dissuaded by the vehicle's appearance. Judging from casual conversations, it happens a lot more frequently than might be thought. This week Austin Rover lifted the curtain just a little on its design operation, which must of necessity

though with what used to be called eyes may spot something of the difference?

British Leyland nothing surprises. flavour of its mechanically similar "Designer the company's design department stablemate, the Maestro.

creation.

Create eye appeal but not at the allowing action of individual identification.

Then the old Triumph factory at expense of practical virtues. Our a similar lack of individual identification of the control Canley, near Coventry, stopped philosophy is to achieve a balance production. BL tried to sell it but between all functional requirements, decided to make a virtue out of generated excitement necessity be pulling together under Excitement stems one roof most of the functions of individuality, but are not cars but is now one of the most popular

Among the facilities housed at various constraints upon a designer, Canley are new design studies, from the technical to the functional which, when they are completed, and the legislative?. will have cost more than £5m and be In other words, once you have able to claim the latest in computer created sufficient space for the to a combination of factors; it was

part in the development of car room and head room for four or five in areas of traditional Volvo design, not only making the process people; and met legal requirements strength, quality and reliability. One more accurate but so speeding it up on lights, bumper heights and by one these handicaps were that according to Austin Rover, the crashworthiness; is not the look of removed and the range seems to go

unlike, say, his opposite number in General Motors, Nissan or anyone but is as yet in limited supply. It has the fashion business, who only has else? to plan ahead a few moths, the car Mr Axe is naturally alive to the fuel-injected or carburettor form, designer has somehow to gauge the danger and realizes that his creations and a five-speed gearbox, and is the tastes and needs of motorists in will be judged on how successfully he first model in the 300 range to have serveral years' time when conditions manages to avoid it. The XX must a saloon, rather than a hatchback, may be quite different from those somehow offer everything that the bodyshell. obtaining today.

is Mr Roy Axe, a passable double for and so on, while looking gite but at the back it has a high, square Eric Morecambe who until he took distinctive from the Audi 100 and tail, housing the boot, and overall is up his job two years ago had spent the Volvo 760 and, indeed, to four inches longer. The boot, fully his career with Rootes and then current Rover which eventually it is carpeted offers a usefule 12.8 cubic Chrysler, latterly in the United likely to supersede. States, Given the lead times referred to, the first Austin Rover model to One of the biggest factors long objects to be pushed through, bear what might be called the Axe producing conformity in recent car. The extra inches have all gone to marks is the XX executive saloon designs has been aerodynamics, the boot and though the car is as due next year.

developed jointly with Honda of crisis. so aerodynamics, which some rivals. Rear seat passengers Japan and it will be fascinting to see involves creating more streamlined have ample headroom but the long how the collaboration works out, shapes setting up less air resistance legged will only be comfortable if the Each company is producing its own and hence giving more miles to the front seats are moved forward. If version of the XX from a basic gallon, was the new sacred cow.

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Astonishing as it may seem the LMI medium designers to differentiate vehicles. Astonishing as it may seem, saloon is launched in April, keen how can the public tell the

was until recently scattered across Mr Axe says his aim is "to look" - particularly in front end three sites with inadequate facilities. produce designs which are contem-Hardly conducive to dynamic porary in every way. Designs which shall not be similarly rebuked for creation. were hampered by covenants and coupled with an appearance that Excitement stems largely from

Austin Rover, its volume car tending to look more and more alike and is that not inevitable, given the

and other technology.

computers now play a crucial units; provided ample seating, leg only one version and even fell short engine, powertrain and suspension absurdly overpriced was offered in average lead time on a new model the vehicle going to come out very from strength to strength, has been cut from six years to four. much the same, whether the The latest version, the GLE, went The importance of this is that manufacturer is Austin Rover. on sale here just before Christmas

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that is by no means heavy for its class, fuel consumption should perhaps be lower. My average return was a modest 25 mpg, though as the official figures indicate, considerably better results can be obtained by maintaining a steady cruising speed

But the introduction of the bigge engine - the other one is a 1400 unit - has improved refinement. Mechanical noise is never intrusive and at 70 mph in top the engine is turning over at a relaxed 2.800 rpm; the only Designers in the 1970s were criticized for encouraging a 'Euronoticeable wind noise appears to come from the large outside mirror. Refinement has also been helped by the fitting of new hydraulic engine

The steering is a little heavy for parking but is otherwise accurate Road Test: Volvo 360GLE and responsive and the brakes are The Dutch-built "small" Volvo reassuringly powerful. The ridegot off to a dreadful start in Britain /handling compromise could be

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BBC 1 6.00 Ceafax AM, A selection of News and information it

available on every TV set. 6.30 Breadfast Time: with Selina Scott and Mike Smith. Today's Friday "specials" include Alan Titchmarsh's gardening hints (between 7.30 - 7.45), pop news (7.45 and 8.00) and food and cookery (between 8.30 and 9.00). Regular items include news at 6.30, then half-hourly until 8.30. Sport (6.40, 7.40), TV Choice (6.55). Morning papers review (7.18 and 8.18) and Your Stars

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- 9.00 Tarzan, Lord of the Jungle: cartoon series; 9.20 My Music: Steve Race puts the questions to Frank Muir and John Amis, and Denis Norden and lan Wallace (r); 9.45 Ceefax pages; 10.30 Play School; 10.55 Play Ideas; 11.05 Ceefex pages; 12.15 Bagpuss; 12.30 News After Noon; 12.57 Financial Report and sub-titled news.
- 1.00 Olympic Grandstand: Live Olympic Grandstand: Live coverage of the first two runs of the Four-Man Bobsleigh event, Also Ski-ing: the Ladies Slalom (see also 6.40 entry, and 10.50).
- 3.15 The Fenlands: How the rich farmlands of south Lincolnshire have kept their lead above water. With Catherine Wilson, Keeper of Lincolnshire History.
- 3.50 Magic Ronndabout; 3.55 Play School it's Friday; 4.20 The Adventures of Tin Tin: cartoon adventure; 4.25 Jackanory: Bernard Holley with more pages from Joan Eadington's Johny Briggs and the Jubilee Concert, 4.40 Wildbrack: Cub reporter Matthew Woods on the trail of the rare edible dormouse teaten in Roman times, apparently but not any more). 5.05 Grange Hill: Episode 14 (of 18). More about Diane Cooney and her make-believe boyfriend. With Julie-Ann Steel as Diane: 5.35 The
- 5.40 Sixty Minutes. The line-up is: -news (5.40), weather (5.45), regional magazines (5.55) and dosing headlines (6.38).
- 6.48 Olympic Grandstand: Ski-ing: the Ladies Slalom. And ice Hockey, in which the winners of Group B plays the runnersup in Group A.
- 7.05 Match of the Day Live: Blackburn Rovers v Southampton, Jimmy Hill introduces the programme and the match commentator is John Matson.
- 9.00 News: the reader is Sue Lawley. And weather prospects for the weekend. 9.25 Remington Steele: After
- reading the manuscript of his wife's book, a husband fears mysteriously disappears from a party.
- 10.15 The Further Adventures of Lucky Jim: Enn Reitel plays Kingsley Amis's hero, recreated by Dick Clement and an La Frenais (r). -- --
- 10.45 News, And weather for the weekend.
- 10.50 Olympic Grandstand: Ice Hockey - Group A winners against the Group B runnersp. The commentator is Alan 11.20 Film: Bad Man's River (1971)
- Filmed-in-Spain western about a tussie over a million-dollar 11.30 South of Watford: London's cheque. Lee Van Cleef plays the leader of a gang of bank 12.00 Bizarre: Comedy series, with Lollobrigida plays the "widow who intends to take the outlaw for everything he has. Also starring James Mason, as a Mexican revolutionary. Directed by Gene Martin. Ends
- 12.30 Dragnet Joe Friday (Jack Webb) helps a woman tom by conflicting loyalties. Followed by Dr Una Kroll's Night FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m; VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m; VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m; VHF 94.9; World

Tv-am 6.25 Good Morning Britain: with Nick Owen and Anne Diamond. Today's Friday
"Specials" include Checkout
(6.40), guest of the dey Lynsey
de Paul (7.40, and in Fantasy
Time at 8.10), Weekend
Breaks (8.20). TV Highlights
(8.35). Diana Dom (9.45) and (8.35), Diana Dors (8.45) and Checkout Again (9.03). Regular items include news at 6.30 and half-hourly until 8.30; and Competition Time (8.27).

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames News headlines, 9.30

Children's secret places: 10.26

Introduction to Time; 10.43 Understanding the Economy; 11.05 Middle English; 11.22

Animal Movie: cartoon; 11.39

national parks of Sri Lanka (r). 1.00 News; 1.20 Thames area news; 1.30 About Britain: The

Wash. The farming threat to

this famous natural sanctuary

about a weather man and a genie; 2.30 Falcon Crest. It is

Nick's and Sheila's wedding -

Daughters: Fions's connections with Wayne affect

Batfink: cartoon; 4.25 Sooty;

but nobody can guess whates shead: 3.30 Sons and

her relationship with Scott.

4.00 Children's ITV: Rainbow; 4.20

4.50 Freetime: with Mick

5.15 The Young Doctors: Australian medical world

Show: Michael Aspel in a live

news programme with studio

astrologer Bernard Fitzwelter, and studio guests Stu Francis,

Peter Gilmore, Maureen Lipman and Madeline Smith.

The MC: Tom O'Connor.

involving these present-day soldiers of fortune. Starring

instalment of this romantic

comedy series which have

average thanks to fine

performances from Judi

9.00 Killer Waiting: Thriller, by Eric

Wendell, co-starting John

Stafford Gordon. An army officer, fiving in an isolated

is about to be murdered.

London news headlines.

10.30 The London Programme: The

capital is about to see an

eruption of superstores (much

Tesco etc) have won planning

mission only by appeal

to the government after local council's objections.

1.00 Bosom Buddies: American

comedy series with Tom

presenter: Ben Elton.

John Byner.

Thoughts.

Hanks and Peter Scolari.

itinerant clubs (The Dirthox, for

example, and The Circus). The

bigger than supermarkets). The programme shows that

the companies planning to

10.00 News at Ten. Followed by:

Thaw and Diane Keen. With

farmhouse, is warned that he

been several cuts above the

Dench and Michael Williams

and truthful dialogue from Bob Larbey. Tonight: Laura's

narents arrive for the wedding.

7.30 The A-Team: Another story

George Peppard.

8.30 A Fine Romance: Final

drama series.

5.45 News: 6.00 the 5 o'Clock

7.00 The Zodiac Game: with the

Brother, Can you Spare a

12.00 Jamie and the Magic Torch: for the toddlers; 12.10 Rainbow; repeated at 12.10; 12.30 Survivat: Down in the Forest. A film about the

for birds and seals.

2.00 Just our Luck: comedy series

is. The line-up is: 9.30 Your Living Body; 9.47 Full Steam Ahead; 10.09 Blaze victim: Day of the Fireball (BBC2, 7.45pm)

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THE DAY OF THE FIREBALL (BBC 2, 7.45pm) reminds us yet again that when it comes to disaste movies, fiction has nothing on fact. it will be a very looksh person indeed who, in the future, will attempt to go one better than this World About Us film and deck out the story with all the sensational trappings of commercial cinema. A year ago this week, tides of flames swept across a tinder-dry southern Australia, leaving death and destruction in their wake. Tonight's ferocious catastrophe (were there, one wonders, bravery awards for the camera crews and reporters – and if not, why not?), and a sombre contemplation of the task of rebuilding new communities to

(1922") Robert Flaherty's

night's Channel 4

famous documentary about the life of an Eskimo and his

documentary about Eskimo life in the 1980s, People of the Islands (see Choice).

5.00 Television Scrabble: The final

was screened yesterday.

Tonight brings a special

exhibition match between winners and this year's

Colin Gumbrell, and his

Coren, editor of Punch.

5.39 The Tube: pop music show.

and Fiction Factory.

7.00 Channel Four News. And

7.30 Right to Reply: Karen

weekend.

weather prospects for the

8.00 A Week in Politics: with Peter

Chesterfield by-election.

8.40 What the Papers Say:

9.00 Dream Stuffing: Cornedy

Armstrong confronts critics of her series The First Christian,

Jay. The row over the EEC budget. And the latest on the

Anthony Howard, of the Observer, examines the way

different newspapers have

covered the same stories.

national Scrabble champion

partner, Anne Bradford, The

programme presenter: Alan

Among tonight's guest is Gary Moore, performing with his new band plus Big Country

CHOICE

 NANOCK OF THE NORTH (Channel 4, 3,45pm) is Robert Flaherty's film about the daily round of the Eskimo, that was transmuted into an applicate when the property of the series of the into an epic of survival thanks to Flaherty's humanitarianism and narrative skill. The building of an igloo; a walrus hunt; the catching of a seal, unsophisticated family fun. Set out baldly like this, the elements in Nanook of the North do not sound impressive. But, with the benefit of hindsight - Flaherty's cheerful and reallient Eskimo hero died of starvation two years after the film was made, in 1922 - we can now appreciate the full enormity of this deceptively simple drama.

WAR AND PEACE IN OUR TIME

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing; Weather.
6.10 Farming Today, 6.25 Shipping.
6.30 Today, including 8.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary, 6.46 Prayer for the Day, 6.55, 7.65 Weather, 7.00 8.00 Today a News, 7.25, 8.25 Sport, 7.45 Thought for the Day, 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament, 8.50 Your Latters, 8.57 Weather, 9.00 News.

News. Desert Island Discs. The castaway is Lord Elwyn-Jones.†

News; Science Now.
Morning Story: 'The Nest-Builder'
by V S Pritchett, The reader is

by V S Pritcheit. The reader is Hugh Dixon.

10.45 Daily Service.

11.80 News: Travel; You the Jury.
Current issues are put on trial.
Today's motion is: In Britsin, the rise of law must be absolute. With Lord Denning and Jack Dromey.

11.48 Natural Selection.
12.00 News: You and Yours.
12.27 Funny Peculiar. The panallists:
Russell Grant, Maureen Lupman and Pete Murray (h.
1.80 The World at One: News.
1.43 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.60 News: Woman's Hour from Birmingham, Includes an Itam about army wives who feel that society has neglected them and, as a result, have decided to help themselves. There is also the little installment of Mrs Pooter's Diary, read by Judi Dench.

read by Judi Dench.
3.00 News; The Fountain Overflows by Rebecca West. Episode 3.1
4.00 News; Just After Four, With the

4.00 News: Just After Four. With the poet and planist Ray Fisher.

4.10 War and Peace in Our Time (new series). Geoffrey Stern examines the persistence of warlare. (1) Why War? (see Choice).

4.40 Story Time: 'Atlantic City Proof' by Christopher Cook Gilmore (10). Read by the author.

5.00 PM: News magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News.

6.30 Going Piaces.

7.05 The Archers.

BBC 1 Wales, 12,57-1,00 pmNews, 3,48-3,50 News, 5,55 Wales Today, 10,15-10,50 Week in Week Out, 11,20-11,35 Sportfolio (Wales v France praview), 11,35-11,35 News, 11,36-1,15 am Film: Puzzie of a Downfall Child

am Film: Puzzie of a Downfall Child (1970) starring Faye Dunewey. Scottand. 12.55-1.00 pm News. 5.55 Scottand: Shity minutes. 7.05-7.25 Mickey and Donald. 7.25-9.00 The White Bird Passes. 9.25-10.00 Friday Night with Dougle Donnely. 10.00-10.27 Agenda. 10.27-10.30 News. 10.30-10.50 Beechgrove Garden. Northern Ireland. 12.57-1.00 pm News. 3.48-3.50 News. 5.55 Screen Arrund Skr. 18.15-10.45

12.57-1.00 pm News. 2.48-3.50 News. 5.55 Scene Around Str. 10.15-10.45 Spotlight. 10.45-10.50 News. 11.20-1.00 em Film: Puzzie of a Downfail Child (1970) starring Faye Dunaway. 1.00 News. England. 5.55 (Part of Shtty Minutes. 10.15 East, weekend: Miclands, Miclands Tonight. North. Northern Lights, North East, Coast to Coast. North West. Borery Brid. South.

Coast. North West, Borny Brid. South, Southern Life: A Game of Horses. South West, Country Scene. West, Women and Waugh, 12.50 am Close.

SAC Starts: 2.00pm Flenestri. 2.20

ack's Game. 3.20 Making of Britain. 3.50 Today's History. 4.15 Television Scrabble. 4.45 Corachod. 5.00 Be Ness'? 5.30 The Tube. 7.00 Newyddo

Saith, 7.35 Edrych Trwy Y Camerau. 8.00 Pobol Y Cwm. 8.30 Y Byd Yn El Le. 8.15 Cheers. 8.45 Soap. 18.15 Boy in The Bush. 11.15 Whoops Apochyses, 11.45 Stand Your Ground. 12.15am

9.45 Feedbeck

seven-part series about the ultimate madness, gets off to a promising start today by setting out the wide range of alternatives to human nature and divine punishment that queue up for inspection when considering the reasons for the apparent inevitability of war. As the weeks progress, Mr Stem will doubtless present testimony from living authorities. Today, it is mainly

voices (Shaw, Churchili, Aldous Huxley, Kipling, Joad, Jung, Baden-Powell), and their combined succeeding episodes, will plant his

the dead who speak, from the depths of the BBC archives. But they were famous, often influential

philosophies, together with modern projections of them, will doubtless form the soil in which Mr Stern, in arguments as to whether war can ever be prevented, or at least limite

9.30 Glyn Worsnip in the BBC Sound

Tonight's topics include lan Banks's book The Wasp Factory

Shaw's St. Joan at the Oliver Theatre; the film Star 80; this year's Oscar nominations: and A Historical Look at Pop Videcs, at

Radio 3

8.05

Archives. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.

7.20 Pick of the Week. Margaret Howard with more highlights.
8.10 Profile. A personal portrait.
8.30 Any Questions? from Abingdon, Oxfordshire. With Claire Rayner, John Pardoe, Clare Short and Angela Rumbold.
9.15 Letter From America by Alastar Cooke.

Berkeley's Sinfonlette for chamber orchestra: Mozart's Flute Concerto No 2, and Haydn's Symph No 38.1

11.35 Songs for Children: recital by Janet Price (soprano) with Anton Saunders as her accompanist. Adnan Beaumont's Songs for Little Children, Set 1; and Schumann's Songs from Leder-Arbum fur die Jugend. Op 79.1

12.15 Midday Concert: part one. BBC Concert Orch, with John Harle (saxophone). Gordon Langford's overrure Spirit of London; Enc Coetes' a's Saxo-Rhapsody; and Malcolm Arnold's English Dances, Sets 1 and 2.1.00 News.1

vil; and Sullivan's Symphony

2.06 Cello and Piano: recital by Stefan Popov and Allan Schiller. Brahms's Sonata in D major, Op 78; and Bartok's Rhapsody No

2.40 Berwald: Marian Midgal and the Royal Phil Orch play the Plano Concerto in D. and the same orchestra plays the Sinfonie Capricieuse.

3.25 Ruth Dyson; harpsichord recital.

Blow's Ground in Gr Purcell's
Suite in D minor and Suite No 5 v
C, and Blow's Prelude.†
4.00 Choral Evensong: from
Worcester Cathedral, 4.55

Historical Look at Pop Videos, the Olympus Gallery.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Lost Doman' by Alam-Fournier (5). The reader is Michael Wrilliams The World Tonight, including Financial World Tonight

11.15 Week Enting.

11.45 Today in Parliament.

12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. ENGLAND WHF as above except: 6.25-6.30em Weather; Travel. 10.45-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-2.00 Listening Corner, 2.00-3.00 For Schools, 5.50-5.55 PM ntirued). 11.00-12.00 Study or

lute: and Gordon Stewart 7.30 Alban Berg Quartet: From the BBC's Manchester studios, Concert. Part one, Mozart's Quartet in B flat, K458 (The Hunt): 5.55 Weather, 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert part one.
Ganka's overture Summer Night
in Madrid; Garbriel's Canzona

in Macing, Saronial s Cartona Vill (1615), played by London Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble; and Mozart's String Quanet in C major, K 515 (Esterhezy Quartet) 8.00 News.1 Morning Concert: part two. Barber's Adagio for strings: Carissim's In un mar di pensi Carissim's In un mar di pensiari (with Martyn Hill, tenori: Vaughan Williams's The Lark Ascending (Zukerman and English (Zukerman and English Chamba Orchastra); Weber's Clarinet Conc No 1 in F minor (Goodman/Chicago SO). 9.00

News.† 9.05 This Week's Composer: Tchaikovsky, The Berlin Phul Orch, under Furtwangler, play the

Harvey Degul (two pianos) play the Sonata Symphonique Op 112.1 18.30 Northern Sinfonia: with David Hastam (flute). Bach's Sinfonia from Cantata No 42; Lennox Berkeley's Sinfonletta for chamber orchestra: Mozart's

Symphony No 6 (Pathetique). Moscheles: Isabel Beyer and

1.05 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the

BSC.
1.20 Midday Concert: part two.
Gordon Jacobs's overture The
Barber of Seville Goes to the

erwald: Marian Midgal and the

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Fritz Spegi

Mainly for Pleasure; This expension which is uncharacteristic of the composers he has selected.† Music for Guitar: First United Kingdom performances (by Paul Gregory) of Richard Stoker's Sonatina, Op 42; John Woolrich's Two North mel Denness, and Sonatina, Opaces, and Oliver Hunt's Babushka.† Mihaud and Francair. Milhaud and Francair. Milhaud's Sonatina, and Francair's Divertimento (Graham Mayger.

and Boulez's Two movements from Livre pour quatuor.

8.05 A Day in the Life of James

Agate. 8.25 Alban Berg Quartet: Concert, pan two. Schubert's Quartet in D Minor (Death and the Maiden).t Minor (Death and the Maiden). 7

9.15 No Zombie Biologist: Dr Sidney
Brenner, Diractor of the MRC
Laboratory of Molecular Biology,
in Cambridge, in conversation
with Professor Lawis Wolpert of
the Middlesex Hospital Medical
School 1 action

School, London.

9.45 American Orchestral Music: Thes
King (clarinet) is the soloist with
the BBC Scottish SO. We hear
Barber's Essay No 1 for

Orchestra, Op 38; Copland's
Clarinet Concerto; and
Hovfanres's Concerto for
Orchestra, No 7, Op 118.1
10.40 Niets Viggo Bentzon: The Danish
composer's work we hear tonight
is the Sonata No 3, Op 44 (played
by John Clegg). Also, Grieg's
Lyric Pleces, Op 43.1
11.15 Newa, Until 11,18.

Radio 2

4.00am Cotin Berryt 5.30 Ray Moorat 7.30 Terry Woganfind, 8.31 Racing Sulletin 10.00 Jimmy Youngt 12.00pm Steve Jonestind. 1.85 Sport, 2.00 Glona Hunnfordhnci. 2.02; 3.02 Sport, 3.30 Music all the Way! 4.00 David Hamiltonlind. 4.02; 5.02 Sport 6.00 John Dunnlind. 6.02 Sport 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only) 7.30 Male Voice Choir Competition 17.30 Male Voice Choir Competition 8.15 Friday Night is Music Night direct from The Hippodrome. Golders Green. London. The singers are Ramon Remadios. Julia Meadows and the Charles Young Chorale. 19.30 Old Stagers (s) The second of ten programmes with Brian Hames 2: Hutch! 9.55 Sports Desk 10.00 The Best of Bentine 10.30 Sounds of the North. Mike Harding presents Sounds of 4.00am Cofin Berryt 5.30 Ray Mooret Mike Harding presents Sounds of Cumbria and the North East 11.00 Stuart Hall, Incl. (stareo from midnight) 11.02 Cndxet 12.05 Cndxet 1.00 Jean Challist presents Nightride, Incl. 1.02; 2.02 Cricket 3.00-4.00 Night Owlstwith Dave Gelly, Incl. 3.02 Cricket.

Radio 1

6.00em Adrian John 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 Simon Bates 11.30 Mike Smith, incl. 12.30 Newsbeat 2.00 Gary Davie 4.30 Select-s-disc with Jenies 1 ct-s-disc with Janice Long 5.30 Newsbeat 5.45 Roundtable 7.00 And Peebles 9.00-12.00 The Finday Rock Show with Tommy Vance (stereo from 18.00).

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdask. 7.00 World News. 7.09
Tventry-Four Hours. 7.39 Rock Back the Clock.
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News. 8.09 Reflactions. 8.15 The Back Farwiy.
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World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look
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CHANNEL 4 BBC 2 3.45 Film: Nanook of the North

- 5.05 Open University (until 8.10). 9.06 Daytime on Two (until 2.40). The line up is: - 9.08 Food and Population: 9.35 Maths-in-e-Box (Weight Watchers); 9.52 The Boy from Space (5); 10.15 Mathscore Two; 10.38 Exploring Science (cells): 11.00 (drawing and painting flowers and butterfles); 11.22 River Landscapes; 11.44 Going to Work; 12.05 Making the Most of the Micro; 12.30 Micros in the Classroom; 12.55 Speak for Yourself (late for work).
- 1.20 Pages from Ceefax; 1.38
 Around Scotland (behind the scenes at a department store); 2.01 The reality of being a parent; 2.30 TV reporter Kate Artie shows what her lob entails; Plus a discussion; 2.50 Ceefax pages.
- 5.05 Weekend Outlook: Open University traiters, 5.10 Talking to Children; OU film in which teenagers working on a CSE course consider the characteristics of infant
- language; 5.35 News. 5.40 Film: Murder Most Foul (1964") Agatha Christie's sleuth Miss Marple (gloriously impersonated by Margaret Rutherford) investigates a murder in the ranks of a thirdrate repertory company. The supporting cast includes James Bolam, Terry Scott and James Bolam, Terry Scott and Francesca Annis, Director;

George Pollock. 7.05 ORS 84: The main band featured tonight is The Alarm. Making their television debut: Night Catchers. Marc Almond demonstrates the "Black Magic Job Finder."

7.45 The World Around Us: The Day of the Fireball: The terrifying story of Ash Wednesday, 1983, when 76 died and 2,000 homes were destroyed by a runaway bushfire in South Australia. (see Choice). 8.35 Gerdeners' World: The winterlowering shrubs and plants in

garden at St Leonards-on-9.00 M"A"S"H: Bribery and violence when Hawkeye, B.J. and Charles have to decide

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who gets promoted in the 9.25 Whicker! The topic is divorce. In the studio, Baroness Thyssen, Mel Calman, and

Hollywood divorce lawyer Marvin Mitchelson. 10.05 Dame Edna Everage: A Birthday Tribute. Live. by satellite, from Sydney, on the entering into her 51st year. Affectionate thoughts are contributed by Sir Les Patterson, the cultural attaché and Barry Humphries who is

Edna_ 10.55 Newsnight. 11.40 A Whistle Test Special: The lcicle Works, on stage and facing a capacity audience, at Setton Park, Liverpool last

summer. Ends at 12.25am.

series about two flat-sharers Rachael Weaver and Amande Symonds). Tonight: jealousy rears its ugly head. 9.30 The Lady is a Tramp: Brandnew series of comedy half

hours featuring Patricia Hayes and Pat Coombs as the tramps who live among the down-s outs in an abandoned van on a city refuse dump. The writer: Johnny Speight who created Till Death Do Us Part. Tonight the two tramps wake to find a visitor has spent the night in their yard. They decide to take advantage of him in their

10.00 Cheers: Yet another comedy half-hour for Friday night Channel 4 viewers. A former boyfriend of Diane's (Shelley Long) walks back into her life, but he appears to have more than friendship in mind when he invites her out to dinner. 10.30 Well Being: The stories of two middle-aged women, Nell and Pat, both married, who have to

care for their senile mothers. If driven them to desperate engths. On occasions they admit to hav 11.15 Film: The Big Heat: (1953')

Highly-rated Fritz Lang thriller, with Glenn Ford as the police sergeant who, when his wife is killed in an explosion meant for him, resigns from the force and sets off on a trail of vengeance. Strong support from Gloria Grahame, Alexander Scourby, Jocelyn Brando and Lee Marvin. Ends at 12.55.

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12.30pm-1.00 Better Read
1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-3.30 Film: Street
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ULSTER As London except 9.25—
9.30am Day Ahead. 11.39—
12.00 Pieces of Eight. 12.30pm-1.00
Batter Read. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 2.00
Film: "Topper Takes a Trip". 3.30-4.00
Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days.
6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.45-7.00
Advice. 19.39 Wrimess. 10.35
Sportscast. 11.20 Magnum. 12.15am
News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Better Read. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00 Film: Limping Man (Lloyd Bridges): 3.25-3.30 Cartoon. 6.00 Calendar. 7.00 A-ream., 8.00-8.30 That's My Boy. 10.30 Shalley. 11.55 Last Outlaw. 12.50em Closedown.

HTV As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Better Read. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00 Film: Tressure of San Teresa (Christopher Lee). 3.30-4.00 Chachi. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Proble 10.30 Good Neighbour Show. 11.00 Film: Santee (Glenn Ford). 12.40 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except 11.05em-11.20 About Wales, 6,00pm-7,00 Wales at Six. 16.30-11.00 in a Chord.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Better Read, 1.20 News, 1.30-3.30 Film: Bhowani Junction (Ava Gardher), 5.15-5.45 Zodiac Game, 6.00 News, 7.00 A-Taam, 8.00-6.30 That's My Boy, 10.35 Sweeney, 11.35 Film: Loot (Richard Attenborough), 1.20am Closedown.

TVS As London except 8.25am-9.30
Farming Brief. 12.30pm-1.00
Better Read. 1.20 News. 1.30 Club. 1.35
About britain. 2.05 Old Wire's
Remedies. 2.10 Film: Trouble in Store
(Norman Wisdom). 3.45 Sportsbreak.
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Boy, 10.32 Film: Lady in the Car With Glasses and a Gun (Samentha Eggar). 12.20am Three's Company, Closedown

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 A Bette Read. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-4.00 Film: Mine Own Executioner' (Burgess Meredith). 5-15-5-45 Emmerdale Farm. 6-00 Scotland Today. 6-30 Sports Extra. 6-45-7-00 Hear Here. 10-30 Ways And Means. 11-10 Lare Call 12-05am Curling, 12.40 Closedown.

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By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government will today steps which will eventually break up the solici- foreshadowed eventually break up the solici-tors' monopoly on house legislation which would have

independent committee to services in competition with consider the qualifications and solicitors' firms, but they would standards which conveyancers who are not solicitors will be required to achieve to provide adequate protection for the

It will be accepting the simplifying practice and pro-principle that non-solicitors can cedure. do conveyancing work, a These moves failed to satisfy concession which has led Mr Mr Mitchell or the many Great Grimsby, to decide to his Bill. The monopoly was withdraw his House Buyers Bill, being loosened but not broken, which surprisingly won a they argued. second reading in the Commons Since they last December.



Mr Mitchell: Withdrawal from House Buyers Bill.

On that occasion Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor-General, conveyancing allowed banks and building to has decided to establish an societies to offer conveyancing

still have had to employ solicitors to do the work, He also announced that a

Law Commission committee would be set up to consider

Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Conservative MPs who backed

Since then Mr Mitchell and his backers have been in intensive negotiations with the Government. Their efforts have been resisted by statements by the Prime Minister, who has at least twice since the talks began, spoken of her desire to break professional monopolies with the support of key ministers.

The independent committee will report by September, and the Government is likely to promise legislation in the next session of Parliament.

He is also expected to announce an inter-departmental inquiry to conduct a wide-ranging inquiry into the house transfer system with the aim of making purchase simpler and

Thatcher firm on GCHQ

established such a "conflict of loyalties" was the main reason for faltering progress towards a

compromise.

But Mr Peter Jones, Secretary of the Council of Civil Service Uniouns, said last night: "I do not believe that the public is prepared to believe what the Prime Minister is saying and at an increasing volume. inside and outside Parliament, it is being said that there must be an agreement with the unions".

The unions have put forward proposals in the four areas which the Government said needed to be resolved when the ban was first announced at the beginning of the month.

Last night, it was being said that removal of trade unionists' ability to appeal against unfair dismissals to industrial tribunals was a minor problem.

Next in ascending order of disagreement, came the unions'

offer of legally binding "no disruption" agreements, and the issue of preventing national union officials appearing inside sensitive government communications centres.

But the main sticking point was seen as the conflict of loyalties alleged by the Govern-ment, with Cabinet officials suggesting that non-unionists at Cheltenham would have the same negotiating rights as union members. That was seen by the unions as an attempt to remove most of their powers, so that members would question the value of subscriptions. The unions claim that fewer

than 1,000 of the 7,000 staff at GCHQ have agreed to resign union membership in return for £1,000. Their aim over the next few days will be to ensure that here is no futher drift away while talks continue.

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Grantham spurns view of privileged farmers

By Colin Hughes

Farmers at market in the Prime Minister's home town, Grantham, gloomily watched the auctioneer's hammer knocking down their sheep, pigs, and cattle at lower than average prices yesterday, as they discussed Mrs Margaret Thatcher's decision to set up a working party to question all

their privileges and benefits.

They phlegmatically responded: "It's a fashion, knocking farmers. They come and go." The auctioneer, Mr. Partar Whitten, looking at heef Peter Whitton, looking at beef heifers as they brawled in the ring after being sold for up to 20p per kilo below the fixed EEC price, commented: "The image of the Range Rover farmer growing for the standard of the Range Rover farmer growing for the standard of the Range Rover farmer growing for the standard of the Range Rover farmer growing for the Range Rover farmer growing fat on the taxpayer is a complete fantasy".

The Prime Minister's de-cision to include agriculture in a review of monopoly powers and advantages signals growing doubt over what even some farmers believe to be excessive

privileges. Mr Richard Body, Conservative MP for Boston, Lincoln-shire, has estimated the total cost of agricultural support to

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Parliament today

Wildlife films

Fishermen's tales

The British Waterways Board has agreed to hold talks with the National Federation of Anglers to

improve the management of angling throughout the board's 2,000-mile system of canals and river navigations, together with its

associated reservoirs. Discussion

will include management of fish-eries, improvement of fish stocks

and the provision of better facilities

Young musicians

Commons (9.30): Debate on private Member's motion on new

(ends April 1).

the consumer and taxpayer in for it in the shops. Ther's Britain at around £3,350m a year. Of that, £1,500m a year is that could pay it out of their what he calculates as the "indirect tax" paid by the Common Agricultural Policy's import duties, levies, and export subsidies.
Farmers are VAT exempt, incurring a loss in revenue of

£360m a year to the Treausury. Another £200m is "lost" because agricultural land is exempt from rates. Other tax concessions enable farmers to write-off investment in machinery from one year's profit. Mr Robert Ingamells, a

smallholder who part owns and part reuts 140 acres of mixed farm in the nearby village of Berkston, said: "There are rich farmers, but it's the big ones who benefit. Others have had to overborrow to stay in business, and people like me would be driven out. It would be a similar story to that famous grocer's shop if these benefits were withdrawn." Mr John Fisher, who rents

560 acres with his father Fred. from the Denton estate at Wellby, agreed: "If people want to remove subsidies and support they will have to pay

own pockets. A lingering jealousy lies behind the clash on subsidies,

which many farners can only appreciate by looking at the prices of "corn and born" chalked on the seller's boards. Mr Michael Goodacre, who farms cattle, lamb, cereals, and potatoes, said: "It really boils down to arable farmers being protected in the last five years. They have benefited from subsidies, while livestock farm-

"If I completely sold up and put my capital in a building society I would be better off than I am now."

ers are paying over the odds for

However, Lincolnshire farmers, as with others in Britain, have benefited hugely from a welter of grants to build new barns drain land, amalgamate farms, and invest in modern equipment. Training, research, and pro-fessional advice, are provided

by the taxpayer, at a cost of about £130m a year. As Mr Bidy puts it: "Few farmers

nowadays do without an accountant to find their way through all the benefits. None pay for consultants - n is provided by the Ministry of Protectionism and state

subsidies are archenemies to the new Conservatice economics. However, many of the party's voters would have been party's voters would have been represented in Grantham's sale hall yesterday. Most doubt whether the Government is ready to take on a thorough mitangling of farmer's privilence.

Mr Roy Chapman, branch secretary of Grantham National Farmer's Union said the reductions in agricultural support have already been heavy. He said: "Since we went into the Common Market the only advantage farmers here have gained is from the Farm and Horticultural Grant Scheme, and that runs out soon. You ask farmers now what benefits they get and they don't know - they call it the CAP: Common Agricultural

Part of the puzzle is the policy on shortfall prices.

Farmers whose produce sells below the average fixed price get the remainder paid to them by Brussels. That policy, the farmers know, can only con-tinue with sierce protection against foreign imports. Mr Chapman is nospre

"Even if there were no import levies and duties, would the price be any lower? Many doubt it." Mr Body's belief, that cheaper foodstuffs would enable British farmers to go back to producing quality livestock, is hypothetical for the Lincolnshire farmer. As one cattle breeder put it:

"We are aiready hocking our way through the bad times. Any more costs would break the industry's back" Borrowing is fine for those who own farms, but for the small tenant it is an additional inequality. Mr Chapman comments:

"Perhaps it is a good thing to reappraise it all, so that we can answer the question none of us can answer. Who really benefits - the shoppers and taxpayers, or the farmer who sees his profit shrinking every

Druze find evidence of village massacre

Continued from page 1

by both Phalangist and Druze in the towns south east of the

First reports of a slaughter of Druze at Kfar Matta came on September 5 and the Phalange at first offered to take journal ists to the village to prove the claims untrue. At the last moment, however, they cancelled the trip, claiming the area was too dangerous for reporters to enter.

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As always in Lebanon, there are unanswered questions. For the past five months, Lebanese Government troops have controlled much of the ruined village. They were driven out two days ago but - if they moved anywhere in that part of the village where corpses were seen lying yesterday - conditions must have been quite horrific for them. Yet many of the bodies were found in fields and had been there so long that bushes had actually grown through the cadavers. Behind the roomful of

bodies, bullet holes could be seen on the wall and several corpses had apparently fused together with age. The film also showed a grassy slope upon which lay a badly decomposed body in a small boy's clothes. Last September, the Druze

said more than a hundred of their people had been killed in Kfar Matta by the Phalange Yesterday they said they had found 107 bodies. For President Gemayel, fighting to save his presidency with both his Government and army in pieces, the discovery of the murders could not come_at a worse time. Until he became President

he was himself a senior official of the Phalange, whose militia carried out the Sabra and Chatila massacre after Israeli troops sent them into the Palestinian camps in 1981. Now the Phalangists are being accused of yet more mass killings.

An official of the Inter-national Red Cross confirmed in Beirut last night that delegates of his organization had seen the bodies of civilians lying in the streets of Kfar Matta last September. "We don't know whether

they were killed by shelling or in crossfire but we saw dead people" he said. "It is beyond our job to

investigate whether it massacre or not. At the time, the security situation was very bad and for security reasons we could not take them out".

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE Exhibitions in progress

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of World Wildlife Fund international returns to London firer his visit to the headquarters of Vorld Wildlife Fund in Zelst, The Vetherlands, arrives (Heathrow 4).

Piano recital by John Savory, Art fallery, Bury St. Edmunds, 12.45. Piano recital by Angela Brownb-

Orchestral Concert by Northern Sinfonia Orchestra, St Cuthbert's Church, Carlisle, 7.30. General

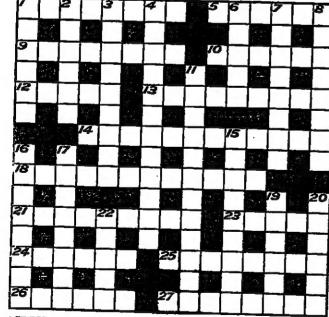
Dominican Friary, a spectacular flower festival on the theme of Saint Valentine, by North Forriby and District Flower Club, Friars Lane, Factoric Respectable Morth Humane.

Piano recital by Angela Brownb-idge, Holburne Museum, Bath, Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall 30. Street, Glasgow, 7.30.

Hearts and flowers at the

side (until the 19th), 10 to 6. Last appearance of the Glasgow Print Studio Co-Operative Prese

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,357



ACROSS

Caesar (5).

- 1 Needing antidote? (8). 5 Entertainment for upper class in reduced circumstances (6).
- 9 Centre circle where passes lead to attacks (4-4). 10 Transport left one in one capital
- or another (6). 12 Singular information given to
- 13 Island group that is in a muddle
- 14 Medical assistant for well-read consultant (6,6).
- 18 Abandon TV for toy (4-2-3-3). 21 Aware of not being cold (9).
- 23 Cheese pair put back between ends of Gorgonzola (5).
- 24 Attack position of highwayman's victim (6).
- 25 This citizen, falling off bridge, pronounced insane? (8). 26 Simpleton liable to end up in the

27 Man of the moment actually appearing (2,6).

soup (6).

- I Vital urge one found in Liberal
- Party (6). 2 Brief expression of thanks after
- farewell dance (6). 3 Perceive its boom right and left, when going off? (9).

4 A sound one essential

6 I ultimately gain about a penny

7 Escallop in a stew causin

8 Turning informer about strike

leader in US prison (4,4).

11 Plough-boy, young rustic (8,4).

15 Juxtaposed with a hypotenus

16 Removal of 25 I notice in

19 Obligations avoided by runners

22 Travel faster on water than on

Solution of Puzzle No 16,356

healthy state? (12).

- that's absurd (5).

prostration (8).

for example (9).

20 Churchman's

land? (5).

distress outside (8).

17 Give incorrect score

Summary of play (8).

destroyed 600? (6).

Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow **CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10**

Food prices

The recently-publicized and contentious aubsidies to British sheep farmers have failed to prevent maps and portraits; Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society, Dorset County Museum, Dorchester; a continuing rise in home-produced lamb prices. In Sainsbury's, a whole leg is £1.86 per lb, and toin chops usually a more popular buy at this time of year, anyway, is down to £1.89 for topside and silverside.

£1.89 for topside and silverside.

But New Zealand lamb is considerably cheaper, with legs from £1.24 to £1.46 per lb in most shops. Shoulder is 64p to 89p and best end chops 89p to £1.40. Other good buys are forerib of beef at Tesco. £1.58 per lb, boneless brisket £1.56, and porterbouse steak £2.98; boneless pock shoulder in Safaneaus down pork shoulder in Safeways down 50p per lb to 89p; leg of pork in Fine Fare for 98p; fresh chicken in Fine Fare 64p per lb and Sainsbury's,

59p.

Fish prices are generally steady with large cod fillets, haddock, plaice and whiting all up by 1p per ib on average, but herring and mackerel down by 3p lb to 86p and 49p respectively. Marks & Spencer have reduced the price of smoked salmon by 75p a nack. almon by 75p a pack.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is to show three short films tomorrow at the Royal Festival Hall. The films - on eagles, swans and garden wildlife - will be shown at 3 pm and 7 pm. Tickets £1.80-£2.90 from the RFH box office. Cyprus new potatoes, at 15-20p a lb, are excellent quality and economical, as there is very little waste. Root vegetables are generally good buys with swedes slightly cheaper this week at 8p to 15lb. Green vegetables are a little more expensive – sprouts, 20p to 30p, calabrese 60-80p, green peppers 65-80p and subergines 60-90p a lb. Caulillowers at 40p to 50p each are much cheaper than at this time last

25p to 35p a head, but Chinese leaves may be cheaper at 30p to 50p per lb; first English cucumbers are in per to, this english cucumbers are in the shops at around 70p each. Citrus fruit is still abundant; grapefruit selling at from 10p to 25p each, orange 6p to 18p each, seedless satsumas 20 20p to 30p lb, and clementines 28p to 32p as lb. Marks & Sceneer have reduced small & Spencer have reduced small pineapples to 49p and medium sized to 99p each. Rhubarb, at 44p to 55p a lb is not just for fools and

The pound

The opening audition for the 1984 National Festival of Music for Youth will be held on Monday, February 27 (10-5.30) at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. South Bank, London. The audition, which has attracted 500 young musicians, is the first of 24 held regionally. Sponsored by W H Smith, they are all open to the public and admission is free. The festival is the most comprehensive of its kind in Europe; 4,000 young musicians will appear at the National Festival of Music for Youth at the South Bank concert halls on July 12, 13 and 14. 28.30 84.25 Austria Sch Canada S Deumark Kr Finiand Mkk 14.60 8.65 12.22 Germany DM 3.98 164.00 concert halls on July 12, 13 and 14. Hougkong S Ireland Pt 1.30 1.24 2460.00 2360.00 italy Lira Japan Yen 350.00 334.00 4.52 4.30 11.48 10.88 4.52 11.48 200.00 Netherlands Gid Vorway Kr Portugal Esc South Africa Rd 1.96 227.50

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Anniversaries

Births: Arcangelo Corelli, com-poser and violinist, Fusignano, Italy, 1653, Deaths: Mollete, Paris, 1673; Johann Pestalezzi, edu-cational reformer, Brugg, Switzer-land 1827; John Martin, historical painter, Douglas, Isle of Man. 1854; Heinrich Heine, poet, Paris, 1856; Heury Olcott, offennder of the Henry Olcott, cofounder of the Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras, 1907; Geronimo, Apache leader, Fort Sill Oklahorna, 1908; Sar Willred Laurier, first French-Canadian Prime Minister of London: at 817.9.

Roads

Wales and West: A470: 24-hr temporary traffic signals in Ply-mouth Street Merthyr Tydfil, Mid-Galmorgan and at Edwardsville, M5: North and South-bound carriageway lane closures between inctions 8 and 9 due to roadworks. A470: 24-hour temporary traffic signals on Builth Wells-Brecon Road at Erwood, Powys. North: A1: Contraflow on

North: A1: Contraflow on Gatherley to Scotch Corner Road, North: Yorkshire. A689: Graffic lights at Waskerley Bridge. Wolsingham. 2co Durham. A19/A1046: reconstruction work at Portrack roundabout, north of river Tees,

Scotland: A32: One-lane traffic in Great Western Road between Cromwell Street and Napiershall Street. A32: Glasgow: Single-lane traffic with lights 4 miles north of Tarbet. A987: Single-lane traffic with lights between A907 junction and Cullaloe reservoir; delays at Information supplied by AA

The papers

The Daily Star points out an opinion poll confirms that public support for the Tories is unwavering. Indeed the Government has increased its lead over Labour in the latest Gallup survey from 3½ points in January to 9½ points now. "What can be the reason?", it asks. "Surely Mrs Thatcher and her ministers have been publicly falling about all over the place - like some political Crazy gang - since the June election. Perhaps they have, but consider this too: for the umpteenth month in succession, wage levels have kept ahead of price levels, overtime working is steadily increasing, short-time working is falling output in working is steadily increasing short-time working is falling, output is rising. In other words, for those people with a job - thankfully still a large majority of the working population - life continues to get better and better."

The San says that Mrs Thatcher i right to stand firm over the ecision to ban trade unions from the Cheltenham spy centre. "Neith-er Sir Geoffrey Howe's bungling nor the bleats from a few Tory faint hearts on a Commons committee must be allowed to conceal the essential truth. The Government had to act in face of the appalling record of industrial sabotage in a department vital to national security. The Civil Service unions are now offering all manner of assurances about their hebriographs. assurances about their behaviour in the future. Why the sudden change of heart? Is not the reason the obvious one - that the Government have got tough."

Top films

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Top box office films in London: cop according in the as Load

1 (1) Starface
2 (2) Sudden Impact
3 (-) Under Pire
4 (4) Tracing Places
5 (3) Gorty Park
6 (7) Lianna
7 (5) The Honorary Consul
8 (8) I.a. Traciers (8) La Traviata 9 (6) Never Say Never Again 10 (-) Educating Filts.

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Weather

Northern Scotland will rather cloudy with isolated light showers, central and Southern Scotland, Northern Ireland, Northern England and western parts of Wales will be rather cloudy with light rain or drizzle dying out.

6am to midnight

London, SE; central S, E, central N England, East Anglia, E, W Midlands, Charmel Islamds: Rather cloudy, any mist and tog patches thimning to give fazzy sunshine; wind S to SE, light or

hazy sunskine; wind S to SE, fight or moderate; max temp 3 to 5C (37 to 41F). SW, NW England, S, N Wales: Rather cloudy, a little drizzle over windward coests and hills clying out, some bright intervals in sheltered places; wind S, moderate, occasionally fresh; max temp 5 to 7C (41 to 45F). Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, Borders, SW Scotland, Northern Ireland: Light rain or drizzle clying out; rather cloudy but some bright intervals developing; wind S to SW fresh or strong; max temp 5 to 7C (41 to 45F). Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth: Mostly dry, rather cloudy but some bright intervals developing; wind S to SW, strong; max temp 5 to 7C (41 to 45F). SW, strong; max temp 5 to 7C (41 to 45F).

ASF).

NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Sheftand: Rather cloudy, Isolated light showers; wind S or SW strong locally gale; max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Rather cold and dry in S and E, cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle in N and W and near normal temperatures. SEA PASSAGES: North Sea; Strait of Dover; English Chennel (E): Wind S light Increasing Iresh, fair; sea smooth becoming moderate. St George's Chennel; Irleh Sea: Wind S moderate or

Sun sets: 5.18 pm 7.12 am Moon sets 7.58 am Full Moon: 12:41am,

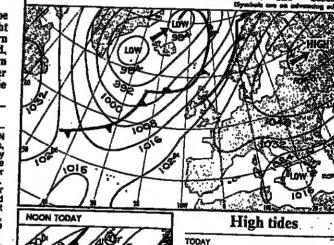
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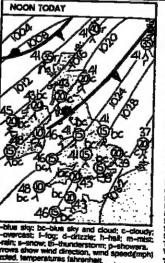
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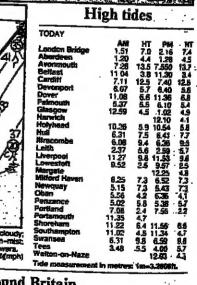
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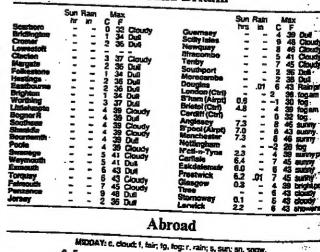
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